

Sermons of Walter Stafford Swetnam, PhD **(1900 – 2000)**

Minibiography

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About this collection of sermons

Walter Stafford Swetnam always preferred to write his sermons on the backs of used envelopes! These sermons presented here represent only a small number of the many sermons he delivered in his lifetime. They are presented in no particular order, most date from 1949 to the mid 1970s.

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"SEEK GOOD, AND NOT EVIL, THAT YOU MAY LIVE
ESTABLISH JUSTICE.....IT MAY BE THAT THE
 LORD.....WILL BE GRACIOUS....." -- AMOS 5:14-15
 INT. -- "IF RELIGION IS ANYTHING...GOOD SENSE
 1 AMOS, BOOK OF THE MONTH -- ABOUT 750 B.C.
 1. PROBABLY FIRST OF WRITTEN PROPHETIC BOOKS
 2. TIME AND PLACE -- ISRAEL, REIGN OF JER. II
 "TWO YEARS BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE" -- ROUGHLY
 CONTEMPORARY OF HOSEA, NEITHER MENTIONS OTHER
 3. THE MAN -- "A HERDSMAN.....SYCAMORE TREES....
 160, PROPHECY TO MY PEOPLE ISRAEL" FROM
 TEKOA, IN JUDAH

7 P.11

4. MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS:
- A. WHY ISRAEL? DIDN'T JUDAH NEED THE WORD?
 - B. HOW DID A "RUDE HERDSMAN" HAVE SUCH KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ABLE TO WRITE SUCH IMPRESSIVE POETRY?
 - C. HE WAS OPPOSED, THREATENED, BUT SOMEBODY COLLECTED AND PRESERVED HIS WRITINGS. WHO?
 - 11 ISRAEL (AND JUDAH) IN VIII CENT. B.C.
 - 1. HIGH DEGREE OF PROSPERITY, CULTURE -- IVORY BEDS, "FINEST OILS", MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
 - 2. RICH GETTING RICHER, THRO EXPLOITATION OF POOR IN COMMERCE, LENDING MONEY AT HIGH RATES QUICK TO FORECLOSE ON PROPERTY, GOVT IMPOSING HIGH TAXES (RICH EXEMPTED) JUDGES HEAVY FINES
 - 3. INTemperance IN FOOD AND DRINK -- LAMBS FR FLOCK, CALVES FR STALL, WINE IN BOWLS
 - 4. SPECIAL MESSAGE TO "COWS OF BASHAN", WOMEN CONCERNED ONLY WITH DRINK, LUXURY, DRESS
 - 5. UNRESTRAINED SEXUAL LICENCE
 - 6. GREAT ATTENTION TO OUTWARD FORMS OF REL., NONE TO REAL MEANING OF GOD'S COVENANT
 - 7. WHAT A PARALLEL TO AMERICA, WORLD, TODAY!
 - 11 AMOS PREACHED RELIGION THAT MADE SENSE
 - 1. JUSTICE, KINDNESS, CHASTITY, TEMPERANCE, HONESTY, TRUTH.....
 - 2. SEEK GOOD, AND NOT EVIL -- TURN TO GOD IN OBEDIENCE, MAYBE NOT TOO LATE
 - 3. NOW, GOD WILL SAVE US -- DAY OF THE LORD DAY OF L. IS WHEN WE ARE CALLED TO ACCOUNT
 - 4. THAT MADE SENSE THEN, STILL DOES

11 IN HIS DAYS HIEL OF BETHEL BUILT JERICHO.
 HE LAID THE FOUNDATION AT THE COST OF HIS
 FIRST BORN BEN ABIRAM..... SECUB, ACC. TO
 WORD OF JOSHUA" (6:26).... -- 1 KINGS 16:34
 INT. -- 58 YEARS AFTER SECESSION --

POST-WAR PERIOD -- ARAB STABILITY AND
 PROSPERITY -- 2 Kings, Book of Month
 1 HIEL OF BETHEL -- Ben. 28

- 1. BETH-EL, A GREAT VISION PERVERTED
- 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF ALTAR THERE 1 K 12:29
- 3. LATER, AMOS "COME TO B AND TRANSGRESS -- PROPHECY NO MORE AT B -- BACK TO JUDAH"
- 4. STILL LATER, ISRAEL CONQUERED, LIONS -- PRIEST, TO TEACH LAW OF GOD OF LAND -- CAME AND DWELT AT B -- FEARED THE LORD AND SERVED OTHER GODS 11 KI. 17:26
- 5. STILL LATER, JER. 48:13, "THEN MOAB SHALL BE ASHAMED OF CHEMOGH, AS ISRAEL WAS ASHAMED OF BETH-EL, THEIR CONFIDENCE"
- 6. NO ACCIDENT THAT A MAN OF B SHOULD BE THE ONE TO DEFY AN ANCIENT PROHIBITION 11 IN HIS DAYS -- AHAS -- Jer. 22
- 1. NATIONAL SECURITY AND POLITICAL EXPED
- 2. PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS -- AND POPULAR
- 3. TIMES HAVE CHANGED -- YOU HAVE TO BE BROADMINDED ABOUT OTHER RELIGIONS AND CUSTOMS, ASK RESERENCE, TEMPERANCE, AND THE MORAL LAW
- 111 CHRISTIAN INTOLERANCE
- 1. WE LIKE TO BE TOLERANT, WE KNOW SO MANY NICE PEOPLE NOT XIANS
- 2. GOD MUST BE FIRST! KNOW HIS WILL AND DO IT, NO MATTER WHAT
- 3. PROSPERITY SOFTENS US, WE RELAX OUR VIGILANCE -- LOOK AT ISRAEL, JUDAH, ROME, HOW MANY LESSONS DOES IT TAKE? *reference to*

"These things I write into you, that ye bein not." -- 1 Cor. 2:1
 Apparent contradiction in I. Cor. all have sinned 1:8, whereas in Rom. of God both not commit sin 3:9, if any man sin... if we confess our sins I sin as act or state
 1. Cat. - want of conf. or transgression
 2. Act of disobedience or state of rebellion.

III. All have sinned - Rom. 3:9-12

- 1. Then does not sin matter?
- 2. By no means! The effect of sin is to bring us into a state of separation from God, which is not something we can ignore.
- 3. Sin causes death - later part of the book talks about the state of being brought into a state of separation from God, which is not something we can ignore.
- 4. We have an advocate

IV. If we confess our sins

- 1. He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, & cleanse from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9
- 2. Confession must be sincere. We can't go on, treating new, lightly

VISION OF GOD

"THEN SHALL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED,
AND THE EARS OF THE DEAF UNSTOPPED."

--ISAIAH 35:5

INT - ISAIAH, BOOK OF THE MONTH - 2ND LARGST
BOOK IN BIBLE, 63 PP, OVER 30,000 WORDS -
39, 27 - COLLECTION OF ORACLES, SOME 1ST PERSON
ISAIAH, THE MAN - OR MEN

1. ISAIAH, SON OF AMOZ, BEGAN MINISTRY 738BC,
REIGNS OF JOTHAM, AHAZ AND HEZEKIAH, C. 40 YRS
2. APPARENTLY "NOBLEMAN", COUNSELOR OF KINGS,
WHO SOMETIMES HEADED HIS COUNSELS

3. PREACHED BY DEMONSTRATION AS WELL AS WORD
- NAMES OF SONS, "NAKED AND BAREFOOT 2
4. AND A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE, 150 YRS LATER,
ALSO NAMED ISAIAH? WHO WROTE SOME OF GREATEST
SCRIPTURE, POETRY, KNOWN TO MAN

11 ISAIAH I AND HIS MESSAGE

1. HE LASHED OUT AGAINST EMPTY FORMS OF WORSHIP
2. HE CALLED FOR JUSTICE AND FAIR TREATMENT
OF THE POOR

3. HE DENOUNCED THE INTemperance, WORSHIP OF
WEALTH, LUXURY

4. HE WAS MUCH CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL, NAT'L
LIFE, FOREIGN POLICY

5. HE HAD A VISION OF PEACE, GOOD WILL BET.
JUDAH AND ISRAEL, EVEN EGYPT AND ASSYRIA, NO
MORE WAR FOREVER

6. VISION REACHED STILL FARTHER, GOSPEL PROPHECY
DID NOT TELL INTIMATE DETAILS OF X, BUT HAD A
VISION OF GLORIOUS DESTINY OF GOD'S PEOPLE
111 THE VISION OF GOD

1. HE DOES NOT MENTION X BY NAME, BUT MUCH
THAT HE SAID FINDS FULFILLMENT IN HIM

2. X'S MIRACLES OF HEALING - "GRTR WORKS WILL
YOU DO" - MIRACLES OF MODERN MEDICINE, STILL
GRTR MIRACLES OF CONCERN FOR SICK, SUFFERING

3. NOT JUST PHYSICAL SIGHT AND HEARING - SOME
COME TO CHURCH, HEAR MUSIC, WORDS, DON'T HEAR
4. SOME COME TO COMMUNION, SEE, TASTE, DO

PERCEIVE GOD - "Saw Jesus" 1930s

COMMITMENT TO GOD

FOR ALL THE PEOPLES WALK, EACH IN THE NAME
OF ITS GOD, BUT WE WILL WALK IN THE NAME OF
THE LORD OUR GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER."

1 COMMITMENT MEANS PEACE --MICAH 4:5

INT. - MICAH, BOOK OF MONTH -

1 M. LIVED AT MORESHEH, NEAR LACISH, SAW
MANY HORSES AND CHARIOTS, KNEW THEIR FUTILITY

2. SW ORDS, SPEARS...HOOKS - VINE, FIGTREE,
NONE MAKE AFRAID - NOT A VISION OF MILLENNIUM

3. M. KNEW OF ASSYRIAN THREAT, BUT WAS CON-
FIDENT THAT IF GOD'S PEOPLE WOULD OBEY, THEY
COULD BE SURE OF GOD'S PROTECTION

11 COMMITMENT MEANS JUSTICE

1. M. WAS FURIOUS AS HE SAW EXPLOITATION OF
POOR, 3:1FF

2. HE DENOUNCES GREED, CRAVING FOR LUXURY,
GRAFT, DISHONESTY - 3:8-12

3. USELESS (THEN OR NOW) TO INVOKE NAME OF
GOD, WHILE WE FLOUT HIS LAW

111 COMMITMENT MEANS ObedIENCE

1. HIS FINEST WORD, ONE OF FINEST IN BIBLE,
IN 6:5-8

2. MANY PREACHERS IN OUR DAY STRESS JUSTICE
BUT FORGET "WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD"

3. "TRUST AND OBEY", "I'LL GO WHERE YOU WANT
4. MESSAGE TO YOUTH (AND AGE) ON BULLETIN,
FRONT AND BACK

1V MICAH'S MESSIANIC MESSAGE 5:2-4

1. "BETHLEHEM...RULER..." - BEC. SUCCESSION
SEEMED IMPERIEED?

2. 700 YRS LATER, "WE HAVE SEEN A STAR, WE
THINK IT MEANS A KING BORN. WHERE DO WE LOOK
"LOOK AT BETHLEHEM, MICAH SAYS....."

3. BUT ALL THAT MICAH SAYS, FITS, LIKE
HAND AND GLOVE, "IF ANY MAN WOULD COME AFTER
METAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME".

WHEN WE GIVE

"WHEN YOU GIVE...DON'T NOT LET YOUR LEFT HAND KNOW WHAT YOUR RIGHT HAND IS DOING....SECRET... YOUR FATHER SEES....."
--MATT. 6:3-4

INT. - CHANGE IN DATE OF EMC

I THE OFFERING IS PART OF THE WORSHIP

1. JESUS SPOKE OF GIVING "TITHES", SEPARATE FROM "TITHES", WHICH WERE A SORT OF TAX FOR MAINTENANCE OF WORSHIP (AND GOVERNMENT), BUT PRINCIPLE APPLIES TO ALL OUR GIVING

2. WE GIVE (SEE QUOTE IN BULLETIN) AS ACT OF WORSHIP, TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE AND LOVE, AND TO SERVE GOD THROUGH HIS CHURCH

3. WE GIVE ALSO BECAUSE IT IS GOOD FOR US - REWARD? NOT HEAVENLY CREDIT, BUT FRUIT...TO YOUR ACCOUNT"(PHIL. 4:17)"NOT ONLY SUPPLIES WANTS, BUT...THANKSGIVINGS TO GOD"(1 COR. 9:12 "GRACE OF GOD IN YOU"(1 COR. 9:14)

4. AND WE GIVE, AS WE WELL KNOW, TO MAINTAIN SANCTUARY, "PAY THE PREACHER" - "PAY THE MAN, MAMA, AND LET'S GO HOME"

II LEFT HAND, RIGHT HAND

1. JESUS WARNED AGAINST OSTENTATION - GOD KNOWS WHAT WE GIVE, NOBODY ELSE NEEDS TO KNOW

2. HYPERBOLE - EVEN LEFT HAND DOESN'T KNOW!

3. BUT, INEVITABLY, CHURCH TREASURER KNOWS, EVEN IRS IF WE ITEMIZE

4. AND OFFICERS HAVE TO KNOW, TO MAKE BUDGET

5. AND ESP. IF THIS CHURCH IS TO MAKE COMMITMENT TOWARD MIN. SALARY, NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE PLAN TO GIVE

6. STILL, THE GIFT IS BETWEEN US AND GOD

III BUT THERE ARE OTHER IMPLICATIONS

1. I KNOW SOME MEMBERS ARE NOT PULLING THEIR WEIGHT, WHY SHOULD I GO ALL OUT?

2. STORY OF THE WINE BARREL

3. AFTER ALL, GOD DOES KNOW, HOW MUCH WE GIVE

HOW MUCH WE KEEP AND WHAT WE GO WITH IT, WHY

4. RESPOND TO NEED, OF CHURCH, WORLD, SEC. WE LOVE GOD, WHO HAS GIVEN ALL

As We Give

The coin in the offering has two sides and so does the giving of the coin. God is not a beggar, standing in rags, with a cup in his trembling hand, asking for our little coins. God does need our gifts, for he works through the service and devotion of his people. The other side of the coin of stewardship is that we need to give. Giving is one of the exercises of the soul. Learn the job of making your gift an offering, gladly and regularly given as a part of worship.

WHERE IS GOD?

"You know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you." -- John 14:17

INT. - Story of little boy (7) bothered by exams in school, asked why he didn't pray, said he thought it would be cheating. I Where Is God, Anyway?

1. Titov couldn't see him in outer space
2. Neither can we, nor see much of space, but what we can see moves us to faith:

a. Humanity and diversity
b. Order and precision, such as man at best can only approximate

3. But why expect him to be there, rather than here?

II Philip, "Show Us the Father"

1. He that hath seen ME...

2. God is righteousness, truth, love

3. And especially self-giving love

III Where is God with you, and will be in you

1. Little boy could not ask his brother, his father, his teacher, for help - cheating

2. But he could ask God, because God IS PART OF HIMSELF

3. We can no more explain how God can be in us unseen than how he can be unseen in nature with us, saying a word aloud, know he is there with no sound, no sight, nothing perceptible to our five senses

IV How Can We Know?

1. Faith - not just belief, convincing ourselves against reason, but TRUST

2. Proof in experience - build our lives on this trust, and they stand

2 so away the Comforter comes.

A WORKMAN (NOT ASHAMED) APPROVED WHO DOES YOUR BEST TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO GOD AS ONE APPROVED, A WORKMAN WHO HAS NO NEED TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

--1 TIM. 2:15

INT. - SEMINARY DAY

I ALL XIANS ARE CALLED TO SERVE GOD, SOME IN THE PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY

1. YOUNG MEN GENERALLY, BUT OLDER MEN TOO - JACK SALISBURY, LESTER HALE, WYTHE PEYTON
2. MEN GENERALLY, BUT WOMEN TOO - SEVEN STEPS
3. HOW CAN ONE KNOW HE IS CALLED? SPEER

II A CALL TO A DEDICATED SERVICE

1. SOLDIER, ATHLETE, FARMER - CAN'T DO AS THE PLEASE - "YOU DON'T MAKE NO CROPS THAT WAY"
2. A DISCIPLINED LIFE - CONTROL OF APPETITES, OF TEMPER, OF AMBITIONS
3. A DISCIPLINED MIND - OPEN TO TRUTH, ON GUARD AGAINST DIGRESSIONS - MILLENIALISM, DEMONOLOGY, ANGELOLOGY, ASCETICISM - "DISPUTE ABOUT WORDS.....GANGRENE"
4. A DILIGENT, SUSTAINED EFFORT - "NOW I GET ME UP TO WORK..."

III THIS CALLING DEMANDS PREPARATION

1. TRUE, WHETHER PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY OR NOT
2. GOD CAN USE, HAS USED, SOME WITH LIMITED PREPARATION
3. BUT WE NEED THE BEST PREPARATION WE CAN GET

PRESBYTERIANS STRESS EDUCATED MINISTRY, BUT STILL HAVE "EXTRAORDINARY CLAUSE"

4. NOT SLAVISH DEPENDENCE ON PAST IDEAS, BUT WE NEED TO LEARN TO THINK, TO SEEK AND FIND GUIDANCE OF THE SPIRIT, THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND EXPERIENCE, OF OURSELVES AND OTHERS

5. "COVET EARNESTLY THE BEST GIFTS" - EVERY SKILL, EVERY EXPERIENCE, MAY BE USEFUL

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

WHOM GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER. -- MATT. 19:6

INT - XIAN FAMILY WEEK - GA PASSED AMENDMENTS TO C OF F AND BK OF CH ORDER WHAT CONSTITUTES MARRIAGE?

1. REGULATED BY LAWS OF STATE, BASED ON LAW OF GOD - CONDITIONS, OBLIGATIONS, MONOGAMY, ETC.

2. WHOM GOD HAS JOINED - DOES IT HAVE TO BE IN A CHURCH? BY A PREACHER?

3. A. NO SEC. IN NT THAT APOSTLES OR MIN. HAD ANY PART, BUT MAY HAVE.

B. AFTER CONSTANTINE, CHURCH TOOK OVER MARRIAGE

C. CHURCH OF ROME CLAIMS EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS, CALLS IT A SACRAMENT

D. WHOM GOD HAS JOINED - NOT CHURCH

3. IF A JP USES MINIMUM CEREMONY, CAN WE STILL SAY "GOD HAS JOINED"?

4. IF PARTIES ARE DRUNK, CARELESS?

5. STILL, THE ACCEPTANCE OF MARRIAGE, AND ITS CONSUMMATION, MAKE THEM ONE -- AND SEC. GOD HAS MADE THEM AS THEY ARE, IT IS NOT IMPROPER TO SAY, "GOD HAS JOINED"

II LET NO MAN PUT ASUNDER

1. NO LONGER TWO, BUT ONE FLESH - THEY ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS UNCHANGEABLY AS RELATION BET. PARENT AND CHILD IS UNCHANGEABLE

2. STATE CAN DISOLVE LEGAL BOND

3. DOES ADULTERY DESTROY RELATIONSHIP? IN ONE ACT? THEN HOW?

4. POSITION OF CHURCH ON REMARRIAGE

III LEAVE: FATHER AND MOTHER, CLEAVE TO HIM LOYALLY ABOVE THAT TO PARENTS, JOBS, FRIENDS, CUSTOMS...

• XIAN IDEAL OF MARRIAGE

THE CLOAK (OR CASE) THAT I LEFT WITH CARPUS AT TREAS, BRING WITH THEE, AND THE BOOKS, BUT ESPECIALLY THE PARCHMENTS. -- II TIM. 4:13

INT. - AUG. 156, READING CORRESPONDENCE OF PARENTS, 1896-1901 - BET LINES, LAST LET. BETWEEN LINES - PAUL'S LAST YEARS

1. RELEASE FR. FIRST IMPRISONMENT

2. JOURNEYS - I LEFT TROPHIMUS AT NILETUS - NOT ON TRIP IN ACTS 20, FOR IN 21:29 T WAS IN JERUS. TITUS IN CRETE, TIM. IN EPH.

3. SECOND IMPRISONMENT - DEL. FR. MOUTH OF LION - NOW READY TO BE OFFERED

4. TRY TO COME BEFORE WINTER - EXECUTED IN JUNE - CLOAK FOR WINTER? CASE FOR BOOKS

II GREETINGS - PEOPLE FRIENDS OF PAUL, TIM

1. THEN TIM. MUST HAVE BEEN TO ROME

2. EUSEBIUS (?) LINDUS (APT. BISHOP) BROTHER?

3. PUDENS AND CLAUDIA - MARTIAL WRITING EPIGRAMS ABOUT A CLAUDIA PURINAR, ONE OF GOD

OF MARRIAGE TO FUDENS, SECOND WHEN SHE HAD GROWN CHILDREN, BUT STILL RETAINED CHARM

IN 2ND SAID SHE WAS A BRITON - PRB. DAU OF TIE. CLAUD. CORDIUS, FRIEND OF AULIUS

PLAUTIUS, CONC OF BR. WIFE, POMPONIA, SAID BY TACITUS TO BE TAINTED WITH FOREIGN SUPERSTITION, PRB. XIANITY - Rufus

4. THERE WAS SUCH A COUPLE, WENT TO BR., THEN RET. TO ROME - TAS. NAMES OF PUB. COG

5. MED. TRAD. SAYS TIM., SON OF ROMAN SENATOR PUDENS, HELPED CONVERT DRITONS TO

III XIAN USE OF PRIVILEGE - DRING THE BOOK

1. APT THOU A SLAVE... BUT IF... BE FREE, USE

2. HIGH BORN PEOPLE SAFE FR. PERSECUTION

3. FRIENDS OF PAUL AND TIM. XIAN'S GOING TO BR... BRING THE BOOKS

THE NOW GENERATION

"REMEMBER (NOW) THY CREATOR... YOUTH." -- ECCL. 12:1

INT. "THE PREACHER" - NOTHING NEW... 1 WHAT IS THE NOW GENERATION?

1. 15 TO 25 - IS 26 OUT?

2. DOES LIFE LAST ONLY 10 YEARS? THREEScore AND TEN?

3. NOW IS ALL THAT MATTERS - IF A DRUG MAKER YOU FEEL GOOD NOW, TAKE IT - NO MATTER WHAT IT DOES TO YOU TOMORROW.

4. HIDES DANCING IN THE SUN

5. "THE PREACHER" SAYS, "REMEMBER NOW..." 11 WHAT IS THE NOW GENERATION SAYING?

1. THAT "THE ESTABLISHMENT" CANNOT EXERT ITS WILL RUTHLESSLY; THAT PEOPLE, ESP. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE, HAVE FEELINGS

2. THAT "YOU CAN'T DO THIS, YOU MUSTN'T SAY THAT" WON'T GO - WE'LL DO IT, TO SHOW YOU

3. THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT SECOND CLASS MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, OF THE SCHOOL, OF THE CHURCH, BUT REAL PEOPLE, AND WANT TO HAVE

SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT WHAT GOES ON ^{in the world}

4. THAT DOING THINGS THE WAY THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DONE IS NOT IMPORTANT - IMP.

IN THE CHURCH IS THAT WORSHIP BE REAL

III WHAT CAN "THE ESTABLISHMENT" SAY?

1. THAT WE LOVE AND TRUST YOU

2. THAT WE ALL, YOUNG AND OLD, HAVE MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT GOD, ABOUT OURSELVES

3. THAT WE NEED MUTUAL PATIENCE, FORBEARING

4. THAT THERE IS NO GENERATION GAP WITH GOD - NOW BOUND INEXORABLY WITH PAST, AND FUTURE

5. "YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION" - TRADITIONAL PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR NOT LIGHTLY TO BE CAST ASIDE

And that Xian love be real, not just a pretense.

"In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." -- Gen. 2:17

Int. - Genesis, Book of the Month - big book, grand in scope, noble in presentation. Whoever wrote it, a great, inspired book.

I The Creation and the Fall

1. Inspired account of creation - telling WHAT happened, not how or when - yet remarkably close to scientific theories.

2. Geology, biology? study by all means. Truth can never harm. Evolution? Probably - it doesn't matter. But foolish to reject this book, not about science, but about GOD.

3. Account of Fall - account in story form of a real event - not a real talking snake or real garden with God walking, but real temptation and real fall.

II Rebellion against God

1. Temptation to "be as gods" - to have freedom by rejecting God's authority - W.H. Auden, "the only T. Satan ever had to use, for it always works".

2. If we rebel ag. him it is to assert SELF - my OWN way - happy at first - Fsts, "to this cheers my soul", "Wonderful to be free, do as we please - but nothing to do Eliot, "Horror of efforts jnry to mt land".

3. When we reject divine authority, all becomes irrelevant, meaningless - DEATH.

III Thou Shalt Surely Die

1. Life without God, without cosmic order to relate one th. to another IS death.

2. Milton, "Which way I fly is hell".

3. Donald Adams in NY Times, "At no time in world history has individual so much prop...

Con. NOT henceforth...

DYING, AND BEHOLD, WE LIVE

"I lay down my life for the sheep... No man takes it from me, I lay it down of myself... I have power to lay it down... take it again."

-- John 10:14-18

Int. - Easter - Spring - Life! But no spring without winter, joy of life by contrast with I Lay Down My Life

1. Tomb of Confed. Slidr in N.C. - "Lt. La. Inf. b. d. He laid down his life for a cause he loved."

2. When did he lay it down? When bullet hit him, or when he enlisted?

3. When did Jesus lay it down? When he said, "It is finished"? When he set his face...? or when he laid down his hammer and began his ministry?

4. No man takes it from me - it was already given, willingly.

II Power (GOD) to Lay Down... Take again

1. "Lay down" - put - (TIDNUL)

2. Not to destroy it, not to waste it, but to "put" it where God wanted it

3. Resurrection surprised people at first; but when they thought, they knew it was inevitable - "It was not possible... holden of it"

4. Life is of God; entrusted to him it is not destroyed, but received, we have GOD

III We Ought to Lay Down Our Lives... I JO. 8:16

1. Not court martyrdom, but commit our lives to God. "I know... what I have com." (M. P. T. O. 1900)

2. "Always bearing about... the death of Jesus that the life also may be manifested in us"

II Cor. 4:10

3. All God asks of us is life - all he offers us is life. We "put" our lives in his hands; they are no longer ours, but his. And he gives us life that death cannot stop.

4. He that saveth his life shall lose it; but he that loseth... shall find it.

Jesus laid down... I JO. 8:16

What advantage hath he? ... Much we gain. Paul's advantage? ... validity of Gentile Xianity. ... are equal as to salvation but the Jew has

A Spiritual Advantage

1. Material advantages of race, language, nationality, etc.

2. Spiritual advantage of the Jew - background of Old Testament, the prophets, the fathers

3. 100 years to make a nation - manifesting some - Hebrews

4. Jesus of our nation, the greatest

II. Our Spiritual Heritage

1. Spiritual adv. of a Xian village called the Crucifix.

2. Epiphany, SS, Church, etc.

3. Xian houses & communities

4. Xian mothers & fathers

5. What can we learn from the Church - God's love for you

6. Xian - particularly common in Xian villages

7. Xian, highly favored... a world of Xian children, they have parents

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Mar 2:9-14

JESUS SAID, "TELL YOU, IF THESE WERE SILENT THE STONES WOULD CRY OUT." -- LUKE 19:40
INT. - TRIUMPHAL ENTRY - ALL FOUR - ONLY LUKE TELLS THIS - MATT MENTIONS CHILDREN, MATT AND MARK LEAFY BRANCHES, JOHN PALMS
1. PALM SUNDAY

1. THE ONLY TIME JESUS APPEARED TO COURT PUBLICITY - AND ALL HE DID WAS RIDE A DONKEY
2. PEOPLE KNEW OT SCRIPTURES; SOMEBODY THOT OF THIS VERSE FR. ZECHARIAH - IDEA CAUGHT ON - "THIS MUST BE THE MESSIAH!"
3. CHILDREN, AND GROWN UP CHILDREN
4. HOSANNA - SAVE NOW!
5. REL. LDERS: "TELL THEM TO SHUT UP! THIS

COULD CAUSE TROUBLE! DON'T ROCK THE BOAT!"
6. "IF THESE WERE SILENT, STONES WOULD CRY"
1. FIGURATIVE, OF COURSE - BUT DO STONES CRY?
1. DO EMPTY PENS CRY OUT? UNREAD BIBLES?
2. ARE LOST OF WORLD CRYING OUT FOR GOSPEL?
(NOT DIRECTLY; WHEN WE GO AND SAY, "BE SAVED THEY MAY WELL REPLY, "WHO BE LIKE YOU? NO!")
BUT THEY HUNGER TO KNOW LOVE OF GOD

3. IF WE REMAIN SILENT IN FACE OF UNEQUAL JUSTICE FOR POOR, DO STONES CRY OUT?
4. IF WE FAIL TO PROTEST BRUTALITY IN PRISON IN NAME OF LAW AND ORDER, DO STONES CRY OUT?
5. IF WE WHO PROFESS TO FOLLOW PRINCE OF PEACE DO NOT PROTEST BOMBING.....

111 AND HE WAS THE MESSIAH!

1. HE WAS THE KING - NOT THE SORT THEY WANTED, RIDING IN CHARIOT, BUT HUMBLE, RIDING ON A DONKEY

2. PEOPLE STILL DON'T WANT THAT SORT, DON'T WANT TO HEAR OF "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES", WE BUILD FANCY CHURCHES, TALK PIOUS, DISREGARD HIM

3. JESUS WEPT OVER JERUSALEM - "IF YOU ONLY KNEW....."
4. THEY HAD TO SHOUT - AND LET US SHOUT, NOW, SING SONGS OF PRAISE, THIS IS GOOD, BRU

IF WE ONLY KNEW.....

WHEN SANDEL TOOK A STONE.....CALLED ITS NAME EZEN-EZER....."INTHERTO THE LORD HAS HELPED US".
--- I SAM. 7:12

INT. - BOOK OF MATH - ORDER OF BOOKS IN HEB. OT - MOST PREACHABLE BOOK IN OT
1. THE STORY OF SAMUEL

1. A SPIR. GENIUS, COMPARABLE W/ MOZART, MICHELANGELO, EINSTEIN.....
OFTEN CALLED LAST OF JUDGES, FIRST OF PROPHETS

2. HIS MOTHER'S PRAYER, ATTITUDE, SHOW UNUSUAL SPIR. VITALITY FOR THOSE, ANY TIM
3. NOT ONLY SPIR. PERCEPTION, BUT MORAL SENSE - 15:22, "WHO GREY IS BETTER" EQUAL TO AMOS OR ISAIAH

4. PRACTICAL SENSE, ADMINISTRATIVE SKILL
5. "KING? YOU DON'T NEED ANY LEADER BUT ME" - GOD GAVE HIM GRACE TO SEE HE WAS WRONG

11 THE STORY OF SAUL

1. DESCENDANT OF THOSE INTREPID BENJAMITE ALMOST DESTROYED

2. TRAGIC STORY OF MAN OF GREAT GIFTS, LACKING THE ONE MOST IMPORTANT, WHO BROKE UNDER STRAIN OF HIS OFFICE

3. WHY WAS HE CHOSEN, THEN REJECTED? HUMANLY SPEAKING, WITHOUT SAUL THERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A DAVID

111 EZEN - EZER -- "WHERE I'LL RAISE...."

1. NAME PRESERVED, MEANING OFTEN FORGOTTE
2. WHAT GOD HAS DONE IS BASIS OF EXPECTAT
3. PHILISTINES A GROWING MENACE - GOD HAS HELPED BEFORE, STILL TRUST HIM - NEW GOVT
4. THEN AND NOW, NEW, UNTRIED WAYS - MEET THEM WITHOUT FEAR, TRUSTING GOD

WHERE IS YOUR GOD?

"(THE ENEMIES) CONTINUALLY SAY TO ME,
"WHERE IS YOUR GOD?" -- PS. 12:3
INT. - MEMORIAL WINDOW AT CITRONELLE
1. EN ROUTE TO BABYLON, 586 B.C.

2. DEFEAT ALWAYS BITTER, BUT ESP. HERE, CRUEL, IMPLACABLE FOES, JERUS., TEMPL DSTRUC
3. STILL MORE BEG. OF HAPPY MEMORIES OF FESTIVE OCCASIONS OF WORSHIP
4. BITTEREST OF ALL THE TAUNTS, "WHERE IS YOUR GOD? THESE ARE OUR GODS, THEY BRING US VICTORY. WHERE IS YOUR GOD?"

5. (50 YRS. LATER II ISA. LAUGHED TO SCORN
"GODS THAT HAVE TO BE CARRIED AROUND! OUR GOD CARRIES US! WE'VE COME DOWN TO OLD AGE...."
11 WHERE IS GOD?

1. RUSSIAN ASTRONAUT DIDN'T SEE HIM
2. "HOW 'TIS LITTLE JOY...WHEN I WAS A BOY"
3. "COSMOS WIDENED...GOD LOST AMNG STARS"
4. EVEN THE CHURCH IS DIFFERENT - LNSTN COVE, 1923 - CHURCH TODAY, WORSHIP OIFRNT, LOOKS, ATTITUDE - WHERE IS GOD?
5. STILL, PLACE TO FIND HIM IS IN PUBLIC WORSHIP - EROSION OF WORSHIP IN THESE DAYS - BOATS, CAMPING, VISITS, ETC.

111 FAITH IS THE VICTORY

1. HOPE IN GOD, I SHALL YET PRAISE HIM
2. FACT THAT PSALM WAS WRITTEN IS PROOF THAT HE DID WIN OUT, THO PRB NEVER MADE IT BACK TO JERUSALEM

3. IN BABYLON A NEW ORDER OF WORSHIP CAME INTO BEING - SYNAGOG, MODEL FOR CHURCH

4. HOPE IN GOD, EVEN WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST HOLD TO HIM, LET CHANGES COME, STILL SEEK TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN WORSHIP OF GOD

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YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU

an joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you know that you yourselves had a better possession, and an abiding one."

-- 1st Cor. 10:34-35

I int - "You can't take... Mr. Will... John"

I THINGS may be lost, but OURSELVES Remain

1. Ourselves, enriched by all we have learned
2. George Howe, M. A. - Glory and honor of
3. Our learning makes us better, more complete self - esp. learning God's word
4. Every skill we can acquire - music, speech, swimming, typing, acrobatics dancing
5. skating, flying - makes us more complete person
6. makes our SELF a better self. Love
7. If the experiences we have passed through

Become Part of Ourselves

1. Dryden, "Happy the man..."
2. Places we have been, speakers we have heard, books read, plays seen, music heard
3. Times of crisis and decision - Exp. of worship - baptism, communion, ordination, marriage, "Here am I, send us."
4. Experiences of suffering and sorrow, to
5. Larker aide - evil things done, sins committed, ourselves and others hurt, things of which we are ashamed, cowardice, failure

III Our Transformed Selves

1. Ah, but here there is a remedy - Dryden wrong here - Heaven LOVES have power over the past - X takes away our sin, makes it as if it had never been.
2. He transforms our whole selves, so that, even apparently trivial things are significant
3. "An abiding one" - "place for a tooth to last 60 years" -- for ever.

HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS

"Convince some... save some by snatching out of fire..." -- Jude 22, 23

I int - St. Jude's hospital - St. of Hopeless

1. These ppl (Gnostics) defile the

2. These ppl reject authority, revile

the glories

3. Like Cain, Balaam, and Korah,

they are selfish, rebellious, greedy

4. Glorify in water, trees w/ fruit,

stagnant w/ light ~~uncultured~~ waves

5. Not to judge, but when

ppr to be Xian and flaunt all

Xian principles, we can't help know

I What to Do about it?

1. Build yourselves up in "the Faith"

2. Pray in the Spirit

3. Keep yourselves in love of God

i.e., in consciousness of his love

and Wait for the Mercy of God

1. That means, don't give up - God

is merciful beyond all we can think

2. Use reason and love to reach as

many as you can

3. Snatch from fire, sift ashes

4. Don't be afraid to get hands

dirty - "Prchr, you're wasting your

time" "I am my brother's brother"

5. Care about those apparently

hopeless - God cares!

Con. - praise to God, all power-

ful to save and keep

The Son of God has Faith to win
"about faith conquering and to
conquer." - Rev. 6:2

X has conquered the world

- John

death (but "the last enemy" he

must reign till... all enemies

The struggle still goes on

And we, his followers,

are saved, but still being

saved, are victors (most of

conquerors) but still struggling

"We have repented, are forgiving,

but we still repent, still

are forgiving."

Rev. 7:23, "a law in my mouth."

1st Cor. 10:4 "We speak of our

1st Cor. 2:11 "Hearts were warring, say

James 4:1 "desires in you who

X is with us in this warfare

"No! I think the battle won"

no say, things are down

"PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM."

--PSALM 122:6

INT. - PSS OF ASCENTS - GOING TO JERUS.

I JERUSALEM

1. EVERY COUNTRY MUST HAVE A CAPITAL, EVERY ORGANIZATION CENTRAL HDQ., CHURCH, TOO
2. OT WORSHIP CENTERED IN JERUS, EVEN AFTER BEG. OF SYNAGOG - TRIPS TO JERUS IMPORTANT
3. TEMPLE WAS THERE; IN SPITE OF SUPERSTITS VENERATION (JER.), COMMERCIALIZN, MATERIALISM (WHAT STONES, BLDGS) STILL THERE, HAD TO BE A CENTER, AND IT WAS A BLESSING - *Midagar, Rome*
4. "BLESSED...DWELL IN THY HOUSE" THOSE WHO LIVE IN JERUS; THOSE WHO CAME RARELY - THESE PSS REFLECT THIS. "I WAS GLAD..."

II PEACE - *Not Much in Jerusalem*

1. THESE PSS WRITTEN AFTER EXILE, PRB. 200-100 BC - PEACEFUL TIME? ALEX, PTOL, ANTIOCHUS
2. MACCABEAN REVOLT, HEROISM, SUCCESS, AFTERWARD JONATHAN, SIMON, JOHN, ALEX, STRUGGLING FOR POWER, FINALLY CALLED ROME

3. PHARISEES, SADUCEES, CONTENDING FOR RIGHT AS THEY SAW IT - *HAG DULIN - Samuel's but*

4. BUT IN SPITE OF ALL, JERUS STILL A PLACE WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE GATHERED, WORSHIPED, FELT GOD'S PRESENCE - BLESSED PLACE TO THEM - PRAY

III JERUSALEM TODAY - THE CHURCH

1. ACTUAL JERUSALEM - OUR HEARTS BLEED FOR WHOLE MID-EAST SITUATION, PRAY FOR PEACE!
2. THE CHURCH - TORN AND DIVIDED, THREATND WITH MORE DIVISION - MANY PEOPLE, ESP. YOUTH "TURNED OFF" BY CHURCH'S PREOCCUPATION WITH MONEY, PRESTIGE, INDIFFERENCE TO HUMAN NEEDS - YOUTH AT CHICAGO ASSEMBLY *Spoke at day*
3. IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE PEACE IN CHURCH, MADE OF PEOPLE - SELFISH, CRUEL, AMBITIOUS, 4. YET STILL BODY OF X, ONLY RESOURCE, HOPE 5. WE CAN'T SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS; WE CAN "PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!"

we we still need church, need ch.

A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN
THEREFORE, (SINCE EARTHLY THINGS ARE BEING SHAKEN TO REVEAL WHAT IS SECURE) WE MUST BE GRATEFUL FOR RECEIVING A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT

BE SHAKEN, AND LET US OFFER TO GOD ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP WITH REVERENCE AND AWE. *11:28*

INT. - REFORMATION DAY - "A MIGHTY FORTRESS I EARTHLY THINGS ARE BEING SHAKEN

1. 70 A. D. - JERUS. THREATENED OR DESTROYED TEMPLE, FEASTS, SACRIFICES, NO MORE - WHAT WAS TO HAPPEN TO THEM?

2. 1517 AND AFTER - THE SAFE, COMFORTABLE, DEPENDABLE CHURCH (LEAVE RELIGION TO PRIESTS; THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING - YOU CAN BUY AN INDULGENCE, DO WHAT YOU PLEASE) ALL IN TURMOIL, PREACHERS PREACHING STRANGE DOCTRINE URGING NEW RESPONSIBILITIES ON PEOPLE

3. NOW IN OUR DAY - MONTREAT CONFERENCES, EASTER, TRINITY GARDENS, BLACK MANIFESTO - *MEMPHIS* MANY SAYING, "I'LL QUIT, - CONTRIBUTING NOT ONLY PRESBYTERIANS, R. C.'S, EVEN BAPTIST

II REMOVAL OF WHAT CAN BE SHAKEN... REMAIN

1. JERUSALEM, SELFISH, CROOKED POLITICIANS CONFIDED THAT GOD WOULD NOT LET HIS CITY BE DESTROYED - HEB. XIANS IN DESPAIR
2. AT REFORMATION - TERRIBLE, TEMPESTUOUS TIME, MANY COMBINED POLITICAL REVOLUTION WITH THEOLOGICAL REV., CRUELTY, BITTERNESS, INTOLERANCE - SHAKING OUT TEMPORARY THINGS

3. NOW TOO - VATICAN II WAS INEVITABLE - CHURCH COULD NOT GO ON ANSWERING QUESTIONS NOBODY WAS ASKING, PREACHING GLIBLY OF SALV., BUT WORSHIPING PROPERTY, DISREGARDING PEOPLE

III A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN

1. "LET GOODS AND KINDRED GO....GOD'S TRUTH ABIDETH STILL..."
2. WHAT IS LEFT OF CHURCH IN CHINA? ONLY WHAT COULD NOT BE SHAKEN - WHAT WILL BE LEFT HERE?
3. IF PEOPLE STOP CONTRIBUTING - (IF THEY TH THEY WERE BUYING GOD'S FAVOR, MIGHT AS WELL S HARD TIMES IN STORE, WE DON'T HAVE TO FEAR
4. OFFER ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP, REV., AND AWE

"BELOVED, NOW ARE WE SONS OF GOD; AND
..... WHAT WE SHALL BE..... LIKE HIM, FOR
WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS."

-- 1 JOHN 3:2

INT. - "....CALLED SONS OF GOD" - "SOME
TH. YOU DON'T CALL ANYONE, EVEN THO THO
I NOW WE ARE SONS OF GOD"

1. NEW YEARS MAKES US CONSCIOUS OF NOW
AND THOUGHTFUL OF FUTURE
2. "IT DOH NOT YET APPEAR...."
3. WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO US IN THE FUTURE
TO MAKE US LESS - "WHO SHALL SEPARATE
"ALL SHALL BE WELL WITH ME."
4. WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO MAKE US GREATER?
II WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM

1. WE ARE ALREADY LIKE HIM - "....THE
SAME LIFE THAT WAS INCARNATE IN JESUS
IS IN US"

2. "BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR...."

"MIRROR, MIRROR, ON THE WALL"

SUPPOSE WE HAD A MAGIC MIRROR THAT
SHOWED WHAT WE ARE, ACTUALLY, AND
POTENTIALLY - AND SUCH WE HAVE

3. CHANGED INTO HIS LIKENESS, FROM

GLORY INTO GLORY

III WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS

1. "WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR", BUT V. 2:26
2. VICIOUS CIRCLE (EX. HAIR, HAT) -

GLORIOUS CIRCLE: THE MORE WE SEE
HIM, THE MORE LIKE HIM WE BECOME;
THE MORE LIKE HIM, THE MORE WE ARE
ABLE TO SEE HIM. GLORY INTO GLORY

3. IN COMMUNION WE SEE HIM GIVING HIS
LIFE - "AND ARE MADE LIKE HIM" IN THIS
FOLLOWING DEGREE: TO BE AFRAID -
WITH CHRIST

"TEND YOUR HEARTS, NOT YOUR GARMENTS."

--JOEL 2:13

INT. - JOEL, BOOK OF THE MONTH

I A FAST, A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

1. OCCASION, A PLAQUE OF LOCUSTS
2. J. DOESN'T GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT SINS,
BUT KNEW THEY NEEDED TO REPENT
3. ISAIAH, "I HATE, I DESPISE, YOUR SOLEMN
ASSEMBLIES.....SACRIFICES....." INDEED, OFTEN A
MORE FORMALITY, MAKE SOME PIOUS STATEMENTS,
PAT OURSELVES ON THE BACK
4. BUT HOW ELSE COULD WE CALL THE PEOPLE
TO REPENTANCE? PROCLAIM A FAST, CALL A
SOLEMN ASSEMBLY. AND LET IT BE REAL REPENTANCE,
NOT JUST A FORMALITY!

II TEND YOUR HEARTS, NOT YOUR GARMENTS!

1. RENDING CLOTHES, PUTTING ON SACKCLOTH,
ASHES, SIGNS OF MOURNING, REPENTANCE.
2. JOEL, "NOT YOUR CLOTHES, YOUR HEARTS!"
3. CALL TO REPENTANCE AND EXPECTANCY
4. OUR NATION NEEDS TO REPENT OF:

LAWLESSNESS AND VIOLENCE

INTEMPERANCE AND IMMORALITY

VICE AND CRIME

EXPLOITATION OF POOR

WORSHIP OF LUXURY -- WAR

5. OUR CHURCH NEEDS TO REPENT OF: (STUDY
INDIFFERENCE TO WORSHIP, LAZINESS TO
UNCONCERN WITH PEOPLE

6. MEASURER FRUITS IN EVANGELISM AND SERV

III COME AND LEAVE A BLESSING

1. THEY PRAYED, GOD HEALED THE LAND
2. BUT JOEL LOOKED FARTHER - "YOUR OUT MY
SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH"
3. PETER ON DAY OF PENTECOST
4. PRAY NOW, NOT ONLY TO HEAL LAND, BUT TO

THE GOD OF REDEMPTION

"I am the Lord thy God, wh. brt. thee out
of the land of Egypt, ..house of bondage."

-- Ex. 20:2

INT. - Exodus, Book of the Month

II The Making of a People

1. One man, one family, 12 fam. 12 tribes
2. Into Egypt, by divine providence, thro
experiences of Joseph
3. Security, opport. to grow into a people
4. Isolation, to preserve racial purity
(Purity, not exclusivism - Joseph married
an Egyptian, Moses an Ethiopian - slaves
bought were to be circumcised, included)

III The Giving of the Law

1. "The Law came thro Moses" - Tr. Exper.
2. Struggle with himself, with Pharaoh,
with desert, w. recalcitrant people -- it
took all these to bring it out

3. If, as in movies, the Law had come by
lightning & ashes ag. rock (childish omop
much less profound than from soul of God
into the soul of Moses

III The God of Redemption

1. "God heard their groaning" - When we
make enough fuss, and bother him, then he
does something about it - Is that it?
2. God was always conscious of his people
- of their suffering, ignorance, blindness
willfulness - and of his purpose for them
3. They didn't WANT to be redeemed - "Let
us alone, to serve the Egyptians"
4. Even now, many say, "Leave them alone,
they don't want to be helped"
5. But God, in mercy and grace, does not
abandon us when we are lazy, stubborn

"Beware lest there be among you... one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, BLESSES HIMSELF in his heart, and says, 'I shall be safe, tho I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.'"

Int. - Deut, Ek. of Month - 2nd law
I Rally Day at the Jordan

1. Stop and think what it means
all you have seen and experienced
It means that The Lord is GOD
2. A new acceptance of him
3. A sworn covenant
4. Someone may think, I can have the benefits, dodge the obligations - it doesn't mean ME!

II Rally Day, 1961

1. Still God's covenant - X has given himself for us, we have accepted, pledged ourselves to be his
2. Rally Day we renew that promise
3. But maybe somebody thinks, "It doesn't mean ME. I can take the blessings, skip the obligation."

III Does Xian Education Mean ME?

1. What does it mean, anyway? Just S.S. something for children? (for the birds)?
2. The whole program of the church - S.S., Women, Men, Youth, Prayer Mtg., Montreat, Mc-Ranch, Silliman, Pioneer camp, M.M. workshop, Evangelism Conf., etc.
3. No individual participates in all phases
3. Everyone committed to whole program

"Contend for the faith..."

--Jude 3

Int. - Jude, Book of Month - "Bro. of James" - I've been wanting to write, now I MUST write

I The Problem of the Church - evil people in it

1. "I can deal with my enemies...friends"
2. Evil people outside, church can disregard, even persecution it can endure; like underground movt, real problem is those INSIDE on whom you can't count
3. Jude says terrible th. abt them; were they really worse than at other times?

II Part of the Problem, or part of Answer

1. Examine yourselves
2. Members who neglect the church, take little or no part in its program
3. Members guilty of intemperance, immorality, unworthy speech and behavior
4. Mbrs who practice selfishness (v.12) instead of love
5. Members who don't pull their weight

III The Answer - How to Contend

1. FOR the Faith, not against the evil
2. NOT by divisions (v.19) either putting people out, or the good pulling out
3. BUILD YOURSELVES UP (cf. I cor. 8:1)

- a. Pray in the Spirit
- b. Keep yourselves in the love of God
- c. Await, expect, receive the mercy of God for ourselves

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

"THEN I SAID, WHAT ARE THESE TWO OLIVE TREES?...THESE ARE THE TWO ANOINTED....!"

-- ZECHARIAH 4:11-14

INT. - ZECHARIAH, BOOK OF THE MONTH
I ZECHARIAH THE PROPHET

1. CONTEMPORARY OF HAGGAI, c 520 B. C.
2. MESSAGE SAME AS HAGGAI, NAMELY, CHALLENGE TO LEADERS AND PEOPLE TO BE LOYAL TO GOD IN A DIFFICULT TIME

3. 14 CHAPTERS, PART PROSE, PART POETRY, MANY OUTSTANDING PASSAGES, OFTEN QUOTED

- A. 4:5 NOT BY MIGHT.....POWER.....MY SPIRIT
- B. 4:10.....DESPISE DAY OF SMALL THINGS
- C. 8:4-5OLD MEN.....WOMEN.....STREETS FULL OF BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYING....

D. 8:20 MANY PEOPLES COME....TO SEEK THE L.

E. 9:12 PRISONERS OF HOPE

F. 14:7 EVENING TIME IT SHALL BE LIGHT

G. 9:9 KING COMETH.....RIDING ON AN ASS

II APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE

1. OT EZEK (PART) DANIEL, ZECHARIAH
2. REAL MESSAGE HIDDEN IN CRYPTIC LANGUAGE, COMPREHENSIBLE TO THOSE TO WHOM ADDRESSED

EX. "TWO ANOINTED" APP. ZARUBABEL & JOSHUA

3. SOME THINGS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND NOW

4. REV. IN NT GRTRY DEPENDENT ON OT APOCAL.

III FUNCTION OF PROPHECY

1. JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - LARGELY BASED ON THIS PASSAGE AND REV. 11:4 - FALSE IDEA OF MEANING OF PROPHECY
2. ALL PLAN FOR FUTURE REVEALED IN PROPHECY IF WE CAN JUST FIND KEY - SINGLE ALIF....CLUE
3. PROPHETS COULD STMS FORESEE DIRECTION IN WH GOD'S PURPOSE MOVING, RARELY GRASP SIGNIFIC DETAILS (AS ASS, JER.'S 70 YRS) OFTEN PRED. CONSEQ. OF SIN, JUDGM. OF GOD, ALWAYS MAKE KNOWN GOD'S WILL FOR HIS PEOPLE
4. "NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW TIMES AND SEASONS (NOT IMP TO KNOW WHAT THOSE WITNESSES WERE; IMP TO KNOW THAT) YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES...."

IV PRISONERS OF HOPE
TIME OF ALEXANDER OF MACCABEES?

D A N I E L

Satan's. Daniel resolved... 1:8 - "And God gave Daniel favor... 1:8 - "God gave them learning, skill, understanding" - Dan. 1:17
 Int. - Daniel, Rock of the Month - mys- terious, confusing, happy running ground of fanatics
 I The Book of Daniel - *no more like Jeremiah, but like the prophets, but the 77-117*

1. Not in the "Prophets", but the 77-117
2. Date c. 165 B.C., composite, prob. some matter much earlier
3. Message of book - God is Lord of nations of apparent defeat still can save
4. The Man Daniel
1. Real historical person, the not men- tioned by Ezekiel (who lived away fr captiv- ity)
2. Taken as hostage 606 BC, beg. of 70 yr captivity predicted by Jeremiah
3. A youth who seized opportunity, sugges- ted for what he believed right
4. Who had courage to be different, to stand for what he believed right
5. Revolution, faithfulness, God's blessg

III Daniel's Place in History

1. If he was 18 in 606, 83 in 538 - 1:21, cont. to first year of Cyrus ~~606-538~~
2. Counselor, sort of university prof, prob. came out of retirement for Belshazzar's Feast
3. Place in govt under "Darius" suggests some part in revolution
4. Too old to go back with Zerubbabel, but must have sparked movement
5. What did he do all those years? WHO wrote II Isaiah? Daniel? May have been. Gen. A man of great gifts, exceptional opportunities, great faithfulness. Greatly blessed and used by God.

"I will A SIGNET RING"

2:6-8
 "I will take you, O ZERUBBABEL, AND MAKE YOU LIKE A SIGNET RING; FOR I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS."
 -- HAGGAI 2:23
 INT. - HAGGAI, 8K OF MONTH - ZERUBBABEL, IN GARANHUNS

1. "BORN IN BABEL" - PRB SOON AFTER ARRIVA OF PARENTS THERE - SON OF SHEALTIEL, APT 10 WHEN JECONIAH WENT TO B., PRB KEPT IN JERUS, WENT WITH OTHERS 586, c 21 YRS OLD.
2. Z. APT 26 WH JECONIAH RESTORED TO FAVOR BY EVIL MARDUK, 560, APT 50 WHEN EXILES RET IN 536 - MATURE MAN, POLITICALLY RESPONSIBL
3. HARD TASK, GO BACK, REBUILD - BEGAN BUILDING TEMPLE, 535 - SLOW - BUT IN 522, WHEN SHERDIS USURPED THRONE, SAMARITANS PLAYED DIRTY POLITICS, GOT BUILDING STOPPED
4. TASK MADE HARDER BY SERIES OF MISFORTUN PEOPLE DISILLUSIONED AFTER THINKING WHEN TH GOT BACK TO JERUS. ALL WOULD BE GRAY
5. MADE STILL HARDER BY PPL WHO THOT GOING BACK TO JERUS WOULD CLOAK THEIR SELFISHNESS
6. USURPER SLAIN - DARIUS KING, POLITICAL IMPEDIMENT REMOVED. THEN.....

II HAGGAI THE PREACHER SAID, BUILD THE HOUSE

1. GIVE PRIORITY TO GOD'S WORK. *House of God*
2. WHAT? WITH ALL THESE DISCOURAGEMENTS? BAD HARVESTS, ENEMIES - TIMES TOO HARD
3. PREACHER SAID, "DO GOD'S WORK FIRST, GOD WILL BLESS"
4. SHAKE HEAVEN AND EARTH - TREASURES MINED
- III A SIGNET RING DID BLESS. "NOW I'LL SHAKE THE EARTH"

"I WILL SHAKE.....SILVER AND GOLD IS MINE... I WILL GIVE PROSPERITY...." - HAG. 2:6-8

- INT. - SHAKING PECAN TREES
- HAGGAI, BOOK OF THE MONTH
1. SHORT, TWO CHAPTERS, LESS THAN 2PP
2. WHEN THE EXILES WENT BACK, THEY NEEDED A POLITICAL LEADER TO PULL THEM TOGETHER
3. AND THEY VERY MUCH NEEDED A PREACHER TO TELL THEM WHAT THEIR DUTY WAS, AND STIR THEM TO DO IT - THIS WAS HAGGAI
- II HAGGAI'S MESSAGE - BUILD THE HOUSE!
1. BUILD IT NOW! - IT HAD ALREADY BEEN 15 YEARS, THEY HAD STARTED AND BOGGED DOWN
2. (THAT WAS A STORY IN ITSELF, TOLD IN EZRA 4-6)
3. HOW CAN WE BUILD IT WHEN TIMES ARE SO HARD? YOU ARE BUILDING HOUSES FOR YRSLVS WHEN TIMES ARE HARD. BUILD GOD'S HOUSE FIRST!

4. BUT THERE ISN'T ANY MONEY! HOW CAN WE? - "ALL THE SILVER AND GOLD ARE MINE - I WILL SHAKE THE NATIONS, THE MONEY WILL COME"
5. AND IT REALLY IS! AND IN EVERY AGE, WHEN MEN HAVE TRUSTED GOD AND FACED UP TO THEIR DUTY, MEANS TO ACT HAVE ALWAYS COME
- III HAGGAI PREACHED (ZECH TOO) ZER. ACTED
1. THEY NEEDED, HAD, A POLITICAL LEADER
2. ZERUB BABEL - BORN IN BABEL - SON OF SHEALTIEL, PRB. ABOUT 10 WH JEC. WENT TO BABEL, WENT WITH OTHERS IN 586, ABOUT 21
3. Z. ABOUT 26 WH. JEC. RESTORED TO FAVOR ABOUT 50 WH. EXILES RETURNED
4. BORN IN BABEL - DESPAIR - MANY FEEL NO HOPE, ALWAYS HOPE IN GOD
5. SIGNET RING

LONGING FOR GOD

"WAS THE HART PANTETH..... SO PANTETH MY SOUL AFTER THEE, O GOD." --- Ps. 42:1

INT. - TEXT IN THE WINDOW - Ps. 42-43

I A CRY OF LONGING OF ONE WHO ALREADY KNOWS GOD, BUT IS SEPARATED FROM HIM

1. NOT OF A SOUL SEEKING FOR GOD, BUT OF ONE WHO LOVES HIM, LONGS FOR HIM
2. ONE WHO REMEMBERED JOYFUL EXP. OF WRSHIP
3. JORDAN...HERMON...MIZAR - "DEEP...DEEP" BITTERNESS OF DEFEAT MADE WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THRILLING SCENERY A MOCKERY
4. WHERE IS YOUR GOD? HE COULDN'T SAVE YOU. LOOK, HERE'S OUR GOD, HE GIVES US VICTORY! WHERE IS YOUR GOD?

II SEPARATION FROM GOD

1. HOW DOES THAT TOUCH US? WE ARE SAFE HERE, IN GOD'S HOUSE.
2. THANK GOD FOR THIS, AND ALL LIKE EXPERIENCES - HELD TO THEM IF YOU CAN!
3. BUT STMS WE ARE SEPARATED -
- BY CIRCUMSTANCES - DISTANCE, ILLNESS
- BY OUR OWN CARELESSNESS AND NEGLECT - WE MAY THROW AWAY THIS PRECIOUS THING - MY PARENTS MADE ME GO TO CHURCH, NOW NO MORE!
- Y.P. AT COLLEGE - FRIENDS DON'T GO TO CHURCH, WHY BOTHER? SLEEP LATE SUNDAY - GOOD TIMES, SOCIAL SUCCESS, GETTING ON, THESE ARE THINGS THAT MATTER - WHY BOTHER ABOUT GOD?

4. SOMETIMES IT IS ONLY WHEN WE HAVE THROWN IT AWAY, LOST HABIT, LOST TOUCH, THAT WE LONG FOR THINGS TO BE AS THEY WERE
III HOPE IN GOD

1. PSALMIST PRB. THOT THAT ONLY IN JERUS. COULD BE REAL WORSHIP, HOPED TO GO BACK - NOT GOING BACK! TURN BACK TO GOD - CAN STAY
2. GOING BACK! TURN BACK TO GOD - CAN STAY

THE PREACHING OF CHRIST

"Faith comes by what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching (δῆμα) of Christ"

-- Rom. 10:17

Int. - Reformation Sunday - Mighty Fortress
I The Fidelity of Preaching

1. **Rome**, spoken message, **know** what is procl

2. Ritschl, THEOLOGY OF PROCLAMATION:

God the Father, expressed in Creation
God the Son
God the Spirit

3. Public proclamation brings the word to life
"The Spirit breathes upon the word" Jesus said

He (the Spirit) shall...bring all th. to your remembrance," but it was when Peter proclaimed the word that the Spirit made people perceive

4. By what is heard - when we hear together, the Spirit acts in a special way.

5. Not just the sermon - Bible study, too
II The Reformation and the Word

1. Reformers emphasized the WORD & SACRAMENTS

2. In dark ages, word neglected, sacraments became corrupted, little better than magic

3. Reformation restored the WORD to right pl.

4. Not just a mag'ical book, but message in wr

5. All parts of our worship important - hymns reading, prayer, sacraments - but in Reformed faith we give prominent place to sermon, as th

PREACHING OF CHRIST - SC 89 - Sp...
III The Preaching of Christ

1. All preaching is, or should be, pr. of X
-- maybe from OT - e.g., Amos; but Amos can be understood only in light of X, as revealing message of GOD who is revealed in X

2. God, in, creation is same God revealed in X
-- therefore creation has meaning, grace

3. We may preach on human duty, responsibility but it is such in view of redemption of X

4. A great message, grt. privilege to preach
"Why should anybody choose such work, with all its headaches?" "Don't be a preacher if you

SANCTIFICATION

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

-- Phil. 2:12-13

Int. - "The sanctifying power" got into the justification, and ate up all the justification."

I A Work, not an Act - Act. def.

1. Justification is an act, that makes us legally innocent - immediately

2. Adoption is an act, that makes us legally sons of God - immediately

3. Sanctification is a WORK, a gradual process making us holy - making us like God, making us sons of God in nature. When we are justified we are still sinful in nature, must be changed gradually

4. Many sects miss the point, expect immediate transformation into holiness, sinlessness

II A Work in Which We Have Part

1. Work out...bec. God is working in you - if he were NOT working in us, we would not even WANT to do it.

2. But WE have to do it -

a. Striving against sin

b. Perseverance in good works

c. Consciousness of being part of X's body
wh. involves relationship w/ other parts

3. Fear and trembling - always conscious that it depends on US - if WE don't do it, it won't be done - "Help me to watch and pray...die"

III The Discipline of God - *myself rejected*

1. Not only what God does IN us, but...TO us

2. Discipline in family - not just punishment for wrong doing, but example, attitude, encouragement, conscious and unconscious, to bring child to family ideals - "if she was scary, it'd be the FIRST Marrell I ever know"

3. So God brings to bear on us: trials, privations, influences, opportunities, etc., ALL to teach, train, discipline...share his holiness

4. And this lasts as long as life - in heaven

"I PRESS ON TO MAKE IT MY OWN, BECAUSE X
JESUS HAS MADE ME HIS OWN." - PHIL. 3:12

INT. FIVE PRISON LETTERS - EPH. - COL. - PHIL.
PHILIPPIANS, II TIMOTHY - HE EXPECTED TO BE
RELEASED, 1:25, 26, APPARENTLY WAS.

I PHILIPPIANS, BOOK OF THE MONTH - THEMES
1. "THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO ME..." 1:12FF

2. "LET THIS MIND...X JESUS" 2:5FF

3. BE OF THE SAME MIND" 2:14, 4:2

4. REJOICE IN THE LORD 1:19, 4:4

5. "WHATEVER IS TRUE..." 4:8FF

6. CONTENTMENT 4:11

II MAKE WHAT MY OWN?

1. KNOWING X - IT SOUNDS SO SIMPLE. "DO YOU
ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR?" "SURE"
PAUL SHOWS US IT REALLY MEANS A WHOLE LOT
MORE THAN WE GENERALLY THINK

2. "BEE FOUND IN HIM...RIGHTEOUSNESS...FAITH"

"I'M A PRETTY GOOD GUY, I DON'T GET DRUNK
AND BEAT MY WIFE, I DON'T STEAL, OR COMMIT
OPEN SCANDAL, ETC." "THE THINGS THAT WERE
GAIN I COUNTED LOSS" PAUL SAYS THE ONLY
GROUND OF OUR HOPE MUST BE THAT WE TRUST X

3. "SHARE HIS SUFFERINGS, BE LIKE HIM IN
HIS DEATH" DID HE WANT TO BE CRUCIFIED? NO,
BUT HE WANTED TO PERCEIVE, THRO HIS OWN
SUFFERINGS, WHAT SUFFERINGS OF X MEANT

4. "ISN'T THAT WHY WE HAVE HOLY WEEK? COMMUNION
- TO REMIND US, LEST WE STOP TRYING TO GRASP
OF RES? 1:21FF DOESN'T SOUND LIKE IT. BUT
HE TELLS US THIS MEANS MUCH MORE THAN WE
HAVE EVER IMAGINED

III 6. "I HAVEN'T MADE IT MY OWN; BUT I
III PRESS ON...BEC. X HAS MADE ME HIS OWN

1. IN OUR SHALLOW THINKING, WE STMS SAY,
"I'M SAVED, NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT."

2. PAUL SAYS, "HE HAS SEIZED ME, THEREFORE
I AM PRESSING ON TO MAKE THIS FULL REALITY

3. THIS IS ATTITUDE OF MATURE XIAN, BUT IF
YOU HAVEN'T GOT THAT FAR, KEEP WALKING BY
WHAT YOU HAVE GOT - *chuckles in paper*

THESE WHO LOVE GOD

"What no eye hath seen...God has prepared
for those who love him" I Cor. 2:9 - "If
any man thinks he knows anything...but if
a man love God, he is known of him" 1d. 8:2
"In all th. God works for good to those
who love him" - Rom. 8:28

Int. - Last text gen. reversed in things

1. God Demands the LOVE of his People

2. Jesus, the First and Great Commandment

3. This makes the Judeo-Xian rel. totally

different from all other concepts of God

- others feared their gods, or sought to

placate or control them; GOD demands love.

not merely fear, not merely obedience 15

3. But love results in obedience - In 14

II Love is a Response to God

1. It can't be compelled, nor simply

resolved - it must be a response to love

2. Obedience may be a means to love -

"You learned me to work...love it"

3. And if love is truly perceived, it is

irresistible - some parents love chdn, get

no response, often bec. chdn are alwd

to grow up in selfishness, cannot perceive

love, stms bec. parental love is so self-

ish and possessive, not real love

4. "Irresistible grace" - when, thro

circumstances, hearings, influences, and

action of Spirit, we really perceive love

of God, we cannot resist it, MUST LOVE

III We Do Not Get a Reward for Loving God

"Eye hath not seen..." God does have

1 th. in store for us, but love that can

be bought is not love. (meaning to knowledge

"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH" - HAB. 2:4

INT - HABAKKUK, BOOK OF THE MONTH

I HABAKKUK, PROPHET OF FAITH

1. ALL PROPHETS HAD FAITH, H. EMPHASIZES

2. OUTSTANDING FOR NUMBER OF GREAT EXTENTS:

A. 1:13 "THOU ART OF PURER EYES..."

B. 2:2-3 "HE MAY RUN WHO READS"

C. 2:14 "EARTH SHALL BE FULL...SEA" OF.

ISA. XXX 11:9

D. 2:20 "THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE"

E. 3:2 "IN WRATH REMEMBER MERCY"

F. 3:17FF "THO THE FIG TREE DO NOT SUDH

ALL THESE BESIDES OUR TEXT

II FAITH

1. FR. ROOT *HN* AMEN - ACCEPTANCE OF

2. OUR TEXT IN NT

A. ROM. 1:17 - RIGHTEOUSNESS PROCEEDING

FROM FAITH, RESULTING IN FAITH

B. GAL. 3:11 - JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

C. HEB. 10:38-9 R. BY FAITH BASIS OF XIAN

EFFORT AND ENDURANCE

3. REDISCOVERY IN REFORMATION

III RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH *2 Faithful*

1. FAITH NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR R., MEANS OF

2. FAITH IS TRUSTING THAT WHAT GOD DOES

IS RIGHT - DIFFICULT FOR HAB., CHALDEANS

VICTORIOUS, THO SINFUL

3. FAITH IS BEL. THAT GOD'S LAW IS RIGHT

MAKING FAITHFUL EFFORT TO KEEP IT

4. FAITH IS BEL. THAT GOD'S WILL IS RIGHT

THAT GOD IS GOD, PURPOSE TO SUBMIT TO HIM

IV RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH *2 Faithful*

1. FOR HAB., SURVIVE IN COMING DESTR.

F. GAINED EXILES

WAS A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE YOU, THAT WHOEVER LOVES ME AND KEEPS MY COMMANDMENTS, I WILL ABIDE IN HIM, AND HE WILL ABIDE IN ME, AND WE WILL BE ONE WITH THE FATHER WHO SENT ME. JOHN 14:20

1. A NEW COMMANDMENT - BUT WAS IT NEW?

1. WHEN JESUS WAS ASKED, "WHAT IS GREAT COMMANDMENT?" HE SAID, "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." (LEV. 19:18) AND ANOTHER LIKE IT, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR (LEV. 19:18)

LEV. 19:18 CONCERNED W/ FAIR TREATMENT OF FELLOW ISRAELITES, BUT STRANGERS ALSO V. 34.

2. THEN SOMEbody SAID, "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"

3. COM. WAS CALD, BUT JESUS GAVE AN HEARING

AS HE DID TO ALL THE COMMANDMENTS.

11. WAS I HAVE LOVED YOU

1. HE LOVED THEM IN SPIRIT OF THEIR FAULTS -

PETER DENIED, JUDAS BETRAYED, ALL FLED.

WHY DID JESUS CHOOSE THOSE 12? HE MUST

HAVE KNOWN WHAT THEY WERE LIKE - JUDAS,

MAT. SIMON ZELOTES, JAMES AND JOHN.....

THAT'S ALL THE SORT OF MEN THERE WERE - WHY

DOES HE LOVE US?

2. HE LOVED THEM, WHO OFTEN REBUKED THEM

3. HE LOVED THEM, NOT AS SERVANTS, BUT FRIENDS

HE CONFIDED IN THEM, TRUSTED, WHO THEY OFTEN

LET HIM DOWN (13:15)

4. HE LOVED SOME MORE THAN OTHERS. DISCIPLE

WHOM JESUS LOVED (13:23) PETER, JAMES AND

JOHN WENT WHERE OTHERS COULD NOT GO. WAS IT

BECAUSE THEY WERE BETTER ABLE TO RECEIVE

THIS LOVE, RESPOND TO IT? WHAT ABOUT US?

11. LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

11. IS IT POSSIBLE TO LOVE OTHERS, SELFISH AS

WE ARE BY NATURE? PPL WE NEVER SAW OR HEARD

OF? MEAN, CRUEL, SPITEFUL PEOPLE. ENEMIES?

WHY HAVEN'T I EVEN LEARNED TO LOVE ENEMIES?

2. LOVE ENEMITS, WHO YOU MAY HAVE TO BE ON

GUARD - ALEXANDER THE COPPERSMITH

3. BUT ESP. WITHIN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY -

WHY THIS SHALL ALL MEN KNOW

GOD'S HUMANITY

WAS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS, YOU DID IT TO ME." - MAT. 25:40

INT. - STORY IN LAUGHTER IN HEAVEN

1. IN THE INCARNATION, GOD TOOK OUR HUMANITY

1. HE ACCEPTED THE LIMITATIONS OF HUMANITY

A. WEAKNESS OF INFANCY, INCOMPLETENESS OF

CHILDHOOD, PRESSURES OF WORLD, NEED OF FOOD...

AND SUBJECTION TO PAIN AND DEATH

B. THE SINFULNESS OF HUMANITY - MADE HIM TO

BE SIN FOR US "THE BORE OUR SINS. ON THE TREE

2. NOT JUST THE BABE IN BETHLEHEM, BUT ALSO

THE DIRTY SCOTTISH BABY, ALL BABIES, ALL MEN,

OF EVERY TIME, PLACE, RACE, NATIONALITY AND

CONDITION, CLEAN AND DIRTY, GOOD AND BAD

3. BABE IN MANGER NICE, HARD TO BELIEVE THAT...

11. HE ACCEPTED ALL OF HUMANITY

1. IN A MUCH DID IT TO ME - NOT HERE

SENDING A BOX OF GROCERIES AT XMAS, BUT

AS YOU EXPLOITED, NEGLECTED, FORGOTTEN -

REGARDED, TREATED WITH CONTEMPT.....

2. PEOPLE OF GOD NOT A COMFORTABLE CLUB FOR

GOOD PEOPLE, PATTING THEMSELVES ON BACK FOR

(JESUS SHOCKED THIS KIND BY ASSOCIATING WITH

SINNERS) BUT ALL HUMANITY

3. HE DIED FOR ALL (1 TIM. 2:6, 4:10, ET

NOT FOR GOOD ENOUGH, CLEAN ENOUGH, BUT ALL

4. HE SENT HIS FOLLOWERS TO PROCLAIM TO ALL

THE WORLD THAT GOD IN X HAS ACCEPTED THEM ALL

11. THIS MEANS ME

1. UNWORTHY AS I AM, I ACCEPT IN REVERENT

FAITH WHAT HE HAS DONE

2. BUT I CAN'T ACCEPT IN ISOLATION - JESUS,

....GIFT...BROTHER...GO..." NOT TO INTERRUPT CHURCH;

BUT TO ACCEPT SALVATION IN CONSCIOUSNESS OF

HUMANITY *Jesus - having in death, not with*

3. WHEN X ACCEPTS THEM, I CAN'T ACCEPT HIM

APART FROM THEM. IF I REJECT MY BROTHER, I

REJECT HIM TOO.

THE SEAL

GOD'S FIRM FOUNDATION STANDS, HAVING THIS SEAL: "THE LORD KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS; AND, LET EVERY ONE WHO NAMES THE NAME OF THE LORD DEPART FROM INIQUITY." - 11 TIM. 2:19

INT. - ARGUMENTS ABOUT RELIGION - GODLESS

CHATTER - NOT ONLY USELESS, PERNICIOUS

1. THE SEAL WITH TWO SIDES

1. COMMITTEE TO STUDY MEANING OF SALVATION

2. TWO ASPECTS OF SALVATION:

A. BELIEVE...THOU SHALT BE SAVED

B. LOOK CAREFULLY HOW YOU WALK - EPH. 5:

A. YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

B. UNLESS YOU FORGIVE.....

A. NO MAN SHALL PLUCK

B. LET HIM THAT STANDETH

A. NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN BOAST

B. I WAS HUNGRY.....

3. TWO-FOLD WITNESS OF CHURCH:

A. INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT

B. MINISTERING TO HUNGRY, SICK, TREATED....

11. THE LORD KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS

1. DIF. IN INTERPRETING SS - DIF. DENOM.,

DIF. ELEMENTS IN OUR OWN DENOM.

2. SOME EMPHASIZE ONE ASPECT, FORGET OTHER

3. NOT OUR PLACE TO JUDGE PPL WHO INTERPRET

DIFFERENTLY FROM OURSELVES

4. THE LORD KNOWS - IF PPL ARE SINCERE,

HE KNOWS, IF NOT HE KNOWS THAT TOO - LET

HIM DEAL WITH IT

11. THAT IS ONE SIDE - OTHER, DEPART FROM

INIQUITY - *a Greek - stated negatively*

1. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH ONE

STRIVE FOR: HOLY LIFE, STAND FOR JUSTICE,

PRACTICE LOVE

2. LUKE 6:35, LOVE ENEMIES, DO GOOD, LEN

...SONS OF THE MOST HIGH...KIND TO ENTHUSIA

THE PROMISE TO DAVID

"And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever." - II Sam. 7:16

Int - II Samuel, Book of the ~~David~~

I Monarchy in Israel - Qualifications for King

1. Charismatic Gifts - leadership, prowess - David possessed in exceeding measure - also statesmanship, poetry, music, spir. perception
2. Acceptance by the people
3. Divine approval, witnessed by prophet
4. One did not become king simply by force (After division, Israel, lacking this tradition open to revolutionary violence)

II Establishment of a Dynasty

1. In other countries, king's son normally succeeded
2. In Israel, before Solomon, this principle not accepted - Division bec. some rejected
3. Divine approval carried one step farther
4. "I will build YOU a house"
5. "Your son... if he sin, punish, but not take my steadfast love from him."
6. Isa. 55:3 - "An everlasting covenant, even the sure mercies of David"

III Could Such a Promise Fail?

1. Sometimes looked like it might - Hezekiah, Assyria ready to devour, leath without issue
2. Isaiah said, "No, Assyria can't take city; God has promised." Miraculous deliverance
3. Then people said, "No matter what we do, God has to save us, he promised."
4. Isaiah, Jeremiah said, "God's promise will be kept; but Jerusalem may be destroyed, Israel scattered. In a purified people God will keep his promise still."
5. Gradually emerged Messianic hope
6. Jesus Christ, of the lineage of David, our King and Savior for ever.

IV WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT NATIONAL DESTINY?

1. WE ARE GOD'S PPL - "LESSER BROTHERS..."
2. IF WE DISOBEY... PUNISH. NOT A

XIAN BEHAVIOR IN RACE RELATIONS

"HONOR ALL MEN, LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD, FEAR GOD, HONOR THE EMPEROR". - I PET. 2:17

INT. - RACE REL. DAY - GRAVE PROBLEM

I THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL OF BROTHERHOOD

1. ALL XIANS BROTHERS, ALL MEN POTENTIAL SONS OF GOD
2. NO DISCRIMINATION BEC. OF ECON. OR SOCIAL POSITION - OR ANYTHING ELSE
3. "HE...GREATEST...SERVANT OF ALL"

II XIAN BEHAVIOR IN COMPLICATED SITUATION

1. SEGREGATION IS POLITICAL ISSUE - XIAN BEHAVIOR IS MORAL ISSUE, CHURCH SPEAKS
2. THE SITUATION IS HERE: ~~Various in situation, variety~~

A) CASTE SYSTEM BASED ON WHITE SUPREMACY

B) NEGROES CHALLENGING THAT SYSTEM - FROM VARIOUS MOTIVES

- C) SOME NEGROES PREFER SECURITY
- D) SOME WHITES WITH EDUCATION, CULTURE SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- E) A RAPIDLY INCREASING GROUP OF EDUCATED -- AND SOME HALF EDUCATED -- NEGROES
- F) SOME WHITES WHOSE ONLY SUPERIORITY IS WHITE SKIN, CONTENT FOR STATUS QUO
- G) SOME NEGROES - AND WHITES - IMMORAL AND CRIMINAL - WHITE BEHAVIOR NOT SO GOOD THAT WE CAN SAY MUCH

III WHAT SHOULD A WHITE XIAN DO IN LA.?

1. TREAT EVERYONE, BLACK OR WHITE, WITH RESPECT AND KINDNESS, AS FAR AS POSS.
2. "HONOR THE EMPEROR"(NERO) - RESPECT LAW AND GOVT. INC. SUPREME COURT - USE INFLUENCE AGAINST VIOLENCE
3. EARNESTLY SEEK THE WILL OF GOD
4. ~~They~~ DOING RIGHT, PUT TO SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF, FOOLISH MEN

FOOLISH FAITH

"AND EVERY MAN...CIRCLED ON HIS WEAPONS OF WAR, AND THOUGHT IT WAS EASY TO GO UP INTO THE HILL COUNTRY." -- DEUT. 1:41

INT - "EASY WRITING MAKES MIGHTY HARD READING"

IF FAITH IN OURSELVES IS FOOLISH FAITH

1. SUCCESS IS EASY - THE WORLD IS OYSTER
2. THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE MISSED IS STILL THERE - ISRAEL HAD MISSED THEIR BIG CHANCE OK, WE'LL GO NOW - BUT IT WAS GONE - ESAU SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT TO SATISFY IMMEDIATE APPETITE - THEN WANTED IT BACK - TOO LATE

CHECKER PLAYER - THAT MOVE BEAT YOU

IF FAITH IN OURSELVES IS FOOLISH FAITH

1. "GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU" - IN ONE SENSE TRUE, BUT OFTEN MISINTERPRETED - IN SPIRIT OF OUR EAGerness, CARELESSNESS, LAINNESS

2. DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD, OR SANTA CLAUS?

3. "HVAL PARA O CEU DA MESMA FORMA" -

"GOD WILL FORGIVE ME - THAT'S HIS BUSINESS"

III THE FAITH WE NEED AS WE FACE LIFE

1. FAITH IN GOD, HOLY, WHO DEMANDS RIGHT LIVES, WHO WILL FORGIVE AND MAKE THEM RIGHT BUT ONLY AS THEY ARE GIVEN TO HIM
2. FAITH THAT OUR LIVES, ENTRUSTED TO HIM ARE SAFE
3. FAITH THAT GOD'S WAY IS THE RIGHT WAY FOR US -- THE ONLY RIGHT WAY
4. FAITH THAT WITH GOD WE CAN DO ANYTHING THAT IS RIGHT

A CALL TO NATIONAL REPENTANCE

"RESTORE US TO THYSELF, O LORD,
THAT WE MAY BE RESTORED!

-- LAM. 5:21

INT. - INDEPENDENCE DAY, 200 COMING UP
I LAMENTATION, BOOK OF MONTH

1. FIVE POEMS, FOUR ACROSTIC - AUTHOR?
2. THEME, LAMENTATION INDEED, DESTRUCTION
3. WHY ACROSTICS? WHY POETRY? ALL THEY COULD DO WAS WEEP, THE NOBLER THE WEEPING THE BETTER

4. NO, THEY COULD STILL HOPE - NO WAY THEY COULD SEE FOR CHANGE, BUT STILL HOPE, BEC. THEY BELIEVED IN GOD. AND THEY COULD REPENT, RECOMMIT THSLVS TO GOD. PRAY FOR RESTORATION

III A CALL TO NATIONAL REPENTANCE

1. OUR NATION NOT DESTROYED - YET! LOSS, DISHONOR, SHAME, CONFUSION
 2. MONEY, POWER, SUCCESS, LUXURY, HAVE BEEN OUR GODS, AND THEY HAVE PLAYED US FALSE
 3. "AMERICA, LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT" - WHAT IS AMERICA? JUST THE RICH, POWERFUL? WHAT ABOUT BLACKS, INDIANS? WHAT OF CRIMINALS, OFTEN FORCED INTO CRIME BY SURROUNDINGS?
 4. UNDER PROVIDENCE OF GOD OUR FATHERS CAME TO A LAND SPARSELY INHABITED, HARDLY EXPLORED, WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE VERY RICH DO WE THINK WE ARE DESTINED BY GOD TO LIVE IN LUXURY WHILE OTHER NATIONS STARVE?
 5. RECESSIONAL - WE ARE PART OF WORLD, RESPONSIBLE TO GOD, LORD OF THE WORLD
- !!! REPENTANCE IS FORWARD

1. "RENEW....AS OF OLD" BUT NEVER THE SAME
2. OUR FATHERS HAD (IMPERFECT) IDEALS OF FREEDOM - "ALL....EQUAL"(EXG. SLAVES, INDIANS)
3. REPENTANCE IS NOT TURNING BACK THE CLOCK, BUT GOING FORWARD WITH GOD

"I will plant
they shall never again be plucked up out
of the land that I have given you."

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Ent. - Nurul Late Sunday

I Amos preached about the Lord

1. Amos, from Judah, preached in Israel -
- Israel, not Judah (as we often think because
3. endured longer) was the choicest part
- of the land, choicest of people
8. Israel had highest standard of living
3. But not too choicely to be destroyed -
- Amos preached destruction, came to pass
- in 20 years or so; but
4. "I will not utterly destroy... Jacob"
5. classes with idealized "planting" on law
- 11- The Perished and

- I. "The Good Earth", so dear to us and our utter dependence on it - **Blind Ploughman**
2. Specter of population explosion, not enough land, food - China, India, et al.
3. Land of Israel, "flowing with milk and honey", greatly abused - **Our own fair land**
- III The Earth is the Lord's

1. This is my Father's world - Rural life - God made the country, man made the town
2. But not a vision of bacchic happiness, place to escape
3. The city is part of the country - city slums and country slums - Churches in country
4. The EARTH is the Lord's - man is fool, for well being of whole earth - Meat, drink, Tyre, water pollution, air pollution - in place of water pollution is other
- starve God's promise depends on acceptance

WE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE, PLANTED BY THE RIVERS... FRUIT... NOT WITHER". - PS. 1:3
INT. - LAND OF ABUNDANCE OF TREES -- IN PALESTINE THEY WERE SCARCE, OUTSTANDING.
I A MAN IS LIKE A TREE

1. A TREE IS LIVING ORGANISM, RECEIVING LIGHT, AIR, WATER, MINERALS, MAKING FOOD BY PHOTO-SYNTHESIS, REPRODUCING ITSELF
2. A MAN IS A LIVING BEING, SELF DETERMINING, RECEIVING FOOD AND OTHER THINGS, MAKING USE OF THEM AS HE SEES FIT
3. MADE IN IMAGE OF GOD -- ALL PLANTS ANIMALS BEAR GOD'S IMAGE, MAN MOST CLEARLY -- PERSONALITY, INDIVIDUALITY, ACC/ TO JOINED STRAINS OF HEREDITY, ENVIRONMENT, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

11 PLANTED BY THE RIVERS OF WATER

1. THIS OF MAN "WHOSE DELIGHT...THE LORD"
2. SOME PLACES TREES MAINTAIN A PRECARIOUS EXISTENCE, SOME THEY CAN'T GROW AT ALL -- MAN MAY EXIST APART FROM GOD, OR EVEN CEASE TO BE MAN, BUT ONLY THRIVES WHEN UNITED TO GOD.

3. JESUS - VINE, BRANCHES - APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING

111 BRINGETH FORTH HIS FRUIT

1. NOT ALL TREES PRODUCE FRUIT, NOR ALL FRUIT THE SAME - OF SOME (TEA) LEAVES ARE FRUIT, SOME BARK, MANY WOOD
2. DIVERSITIES OF GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT
3. JESUS, "....BEAR MUCH FRUIT, SO SHALL YOU BE MY DISCIPLES"

IV LEAF SHALL NOT WITHER

1. NOT A BLANKET PROMISE OF SECURITY - TREES CUT DOWN, BLOWN DOWN, DESTROYED BY FIRE OR BEASTS -- BUT GOD NEVER FAILS US

A VISION OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY
"HE WILL HEAL THEIR FAITHLESSNESS, I WILL LOVE THEM FREELY." -- HOSEA 14:1

INT. - TWELVE "MINOR PROPHETS" - HOSEA, FIRST AND LARGEST BOOK

I HOSEA, BOOK DB THE MONTH

1. THE BOOK - 14 CHAPTERS, MOSTLY POETRY - SOME POEMS OF DRASTIC PREDICTION OF DESTRUCTION (IT DID COME) OTHERS OF A TENDERNESS OF LOVE AND MERCY RARELY EQUALLED
2. HIS MINISTRY IN ISRAEL, BUT FREQUENT REFERENCES TO JUDAH - C. 760-725 B.C.
3. NOTHING KNOWN OF PERSONAL LIFE EXCEPT HIS MARRIAGE AND HIS CHILDREN

4. THRO HIS UNQUENCHABLE LOVE FOR A WIFE PROVED UNFAITHFUL HE LEARNED OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS LOVE
5. GOD USES STRANGE INSTRUMENTS - AND WE HOPE GOMER LEARNED TOO WHAT LOVE AND FORGIVENESS ARE

11 HOSEA'S PREACHING

1. EARLY PREACHING MUST HAVE BEEN STERN DENUNCIATION OF SIN - REBELLION, IDOLATRY, INTemperance, DISREGARD FOR POOR
2. NAMES OF CHILDREN - JEZREEL, LO RUHAMAH, LO AMMI - JEHU'S COUP IN 843, BLOOD BATH AT JEZREEL, RETRIBUTION, ALSO AT JEZREEL
3. JEROBOAM II, PROSPERITY, SUCCESS, LUXURY, POLITICAL INTRIGUE - TREATIES, OPEN AND SECRET RICH EXPLOITED THE POOR, FALSE, FIERCE, CRUEL
4. CULT OF BAAL WORSHIP, PROMISED PROSPERITY AND SEEMED TO BE DELIVERING IT) MADE NO MORAL DEMANDS - PEOPLE FALSE TO GOD, LIKE ADULT WIFE

111 BUT IN SPITE OF ALL, GOD LOVES, FORGIVES HEALS

1. NOT AN EASY OUT, THEY STILL BORE PENALTY
2. BUT GOD LOVES - LO RUHAMAH, YES, HE WILL HAVE MERCY; LO AMMI, YES, THEY ARE MY PEOPLE
3. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT GOD CEASES TO

MAKING HIS WAY THROUGH OUR SIN

"all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned each to his own way..." - Isa. 53:6
ali, alien, in pasture
The thing that makes it tough for the shepherd is that the sheep go all different directions
So people - all our activities, come at different times
All our individual concerns make it hard to be united in serving X
"all men seek their own, not the things of X"
We need to return to him to see his service as more important than these other things.

YOU ARE.....BUILT ON FOUNDATION OF APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, X JESUS.....CORNERSTONE.....GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE.....HABITATION OF GOD IN THE SPIRIT, H

--EPH. 2:19-22

INT. - HOLY, CATHOLIC, (APOSTOLIC) CHURCH
1. THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

1. X THE CORNERSTONE, THE HEAD OF THE BODY THE LIVING WORD, VS. WORD OF GOD WRITTEN - BIBLICALITY - X OFTEN LOST SIGHT OF - HE IS THE WORD, THE HEAD, THE LORD - WE KNOW LITTLE OF HIS LIFE, HIS WORDS PRB SPOKEN IN ARAMAIC COME TO US IN GREEK, FEN, AND ACCOUNTS NOT ALWAYS AGREED - BUT HIS PERSON STANDS OUT, HE IS LORD

2. APOSTLES - "APOSTOLIC" - LITTLE ENOUGH KNOWN OF THEM, BUT THEY HAD UNIQUE AUTHORITY

3. PROPHETS, ALSO PART OF FOUNDATION - OT PROPHETS, NT ALSO NT CHURCH NOT DISCONNECTED FROM OT - *Prophets, leaders of the church to lead*

4. AND IS THAT ALL? WHAT OF JEROME, AUGUSTINE, LUTHER, CALVIN, WESLEYS, MANY OTHERS? HERE THEY NOT PROPHETS TOO?

11 JOINED TOGETHER.....TEMPLE.....HOLY.....HABITATION

1. ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC - HOLY, NOT SEC MADE OF SINLESS PPL, BUT SEC IT IS HAD. OF GOD

2. UNITY OF CHURCH - ONE BODY, UNIVERSAL, ECUMENICAL

3. UNITY WEAKENED, NOT DESTROYED, BY DIVISION - DO THERE HAVE TO BE DIVISIONS, DENOMINATION ADVANTAGES, DISADV., ANYWAY WE HAVE THEM, BUT STILL UNIVERSAL, STILL ONE BODY

4. GROWING INTO A HOLY TEMPLE - ALWAYS CHANGING, REFORMING, REFORMING

111 YOU *all that matter he believed and etc* ADDRESSED TO PPL FORMERLY REJECTED - YOU

1. RE PART OF IT - THRO THEM TO US - WE ARE TOO

2. BUILT INTO IT, NOT JUST TACKED ON

3. MEMBERSHIP IN CHURCH - SOME BECOME IN-ACTIVE, SOME WANT TO LEAVE, SOME DO LEAVE, SOME THINK IT UNIMPORTANT - CALL TO VITALITY

AMAZING GRACE

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IN THE PAST, GOD WAS PATIENT AND OVERLOOKED MEN'S SINS; BUT NOW IN THE PRESENT TIME, HE DEALS WITH MEN'S SINS, TO PROVE THAT HE PUTS MEN RIGHT WITH HIMSELF. - ROM. 3:25-26 GNMH INT. - IF ION EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING - THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD!

1. IN THE PAST - BEFORE THE LAW

1. WHEN MEN WERE STILL BEASTS, OR CAVE-MEN, WAS MURDER NOT WRONG? OR FALSEHOOD? OR THEFT? WAS NOT GOD GOD, WAS HE NOT THE ONLY OBJECT OF WORSHIP AND OBEDIENCE?

2. GOD WAS PATIENT AND OVERLOOKED.... WOULD IT HAVE BEEN BETTER TO STAY LIKE THAT?

3. PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW WERE ALWAYS RIGHT - TWO AGES GOD WAS PREPARING MANKIND FOR THE REVELATION OF HIMSELF - FOR HIS GRACE

11 IN THE LAW GOD DEALS WITH MEN'S SINS

1. THE LAW - THE SENSE OF COVENANT RELATIONS W/ CONSEQUENT OBLIGATION - ABR., MOSES, ET AL

2. NOT SOMETHING TO MAKE IT HARDER, BUT PR OF GOD'S GRACE

3. WH. GOD CONDEMNS SIN (IN THE LAW) HE IS TRYING TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR MAN TO BE PUT RIGHT WITH HIM, BUT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE - COULD MAN BE RIGHT W/ GOD ON BASIS OF IGNORANCE?

4. FOR THE HARDNESS OF YOUR HEARTS - GOD GAVE THE LAW, NOT ALL AT ONCE, BUT GRADUALLY. THE PSALMISTS! PLEAS FOR FELLOWSHIP, THE PROPHETS! DEMANDS FOR JUSTICE, KINDNESS, ARE PAR 111BUT NOW, IN THE PRESENT TIME - GOSPEL 1. HE DEALS WITH MEN'S SINS, TO PROVE....

2. THE GOSPEL IS NOT EASIER THAN THE LAW IS INFINITELY HARDER! (THANK GOD, WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP THE LAW!) 22, 15. Why... never could

3. GOD IS NOT TRYING TO MAKE IT HARDER, IS TRYING TO PUT MAN RIGHT WITH HIMSELF

4. SEC. GOD LOVES, HE DEMANDS MORE - TO MAKE MAN HIS OWN CHILDREN - NOT IF HE KEEPS IT ALL BUT SEC. HE KNOWS GOD IS FOR HIM, TRUSTS, TR

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth."

How? A sudden revelation, so that they understand everything? No.

James before early Church

1. A X returning right away? at first unanimous "yes", later reservations

2. What about individuals? Answer: revealed Gentiles? Not

3. What about Gentiles? Took a long time to settle

4. What is wisdom of church? That took time to teach

5. Compromise? "Bringing all th. to your remembrance what I have said..." But James was in there 50 years later, still said, "There was lots more, but..."

"MAKE LOVE YOUR AIM." -- COR. 14:1
INT. - JOHNSON'S STATEMENT - EXCELLENCE DO AMERICAN PEOPLE LOVE TOO MUCH?

1. LOVE IN SONG AND STORY - IT'S ALL YOU HEAR - ARE WE OVERLOADED WITH LOVE?

2. FILM - DISCOVERING AMERICA - ERICH FROMM NOT TOO MUCH - NOT ENOUGH

4. FALSE IDEAS OF LOVE:
A. AMER. CONCEPT OF SUCCESS, SECURITY, TEND TO MAKE US AUTOMATA, INCAPABLE OF LOVE

B. LOVE AS PASSIVE - "FALLING" IN LOVE - SEEKING TO BE LOVED, RATHER THAN TO LOVE

C. THINKING OF LOVE AS BARGAINING - WHAT MUST I DO TO BE LOVED? *Dean Rusk*

II WHAT IS LOVE?
1. LOVE IS UNION OF SPIRIT W/ OTHER PERSON

2. LOVE VS. SEXUAL DESIRE
A. PHYS. UNION BET. MAN AND WOMAN, WHEN LAWFULLY JOINED MAY BE ONE EXPRESSION OF LOVE

"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." -- Gen. 1:31
Int. - The creation story, an affirmation of faith.

I "In the beginning, God created..."
1. Evolution vs "creationism" - letters to newspaper, "Can't believe in Ev. and be Xian"

2. Judge in Ala - Is "atheistic humanism" really a religion? Or do textbook writers, fearful of rejection, studiously avoid any mention of Supreme Being? Or of religion?

3. Can "spirit" create "material things"? And how solid are material things?

4. The alternative - material things always there, life and all complex forms came about by mere chance.

5. How did God create the world? Evidence of rocks and fossils? Many questions still unanswered. Does life exist only on earth? What is the purpose of suns and stars?

6. Infinity, of time, space, a concept beyond the grasp of the human mind.

7. C. S. Lewis, "Beyond Personality"
II It is a good world
1. Full of wonder and beauty
a. marvels of life, plant, animal, human
b. Minerals, air, water
c. Color, sound, music

2. A world of laws that we can depend on
a. Gravitation, physics, math, chem.
b. "Rain on just and unjust" - God does not change these laws because we are good.

3. But also of Providence that we can depend on - Ps. 91, verified in human experience.
III The Earth is the Lord's
1. We are responsible for our use of it.

2. Man's destruction of natural resources
3. Reckless use of destructive things - Silent Spring, On the Beach.

4. Doubtless God could start all over, make a new world; but let us heed warnings, appreciate the one we have, use it wisely.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE CHURCH

"NOW TO HIM WHO ~~IS~~ ~~ABLE~~ BY THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ~~CAN~~ ASK OR THIN TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS TO ALL GENERATIONS, FOR EVER AND EVER AMEN.

--EPHESIANS 3:20-21

INT. - DISCUSSION IN SS LAST SUN - THIS TOPIC ALREADY SELECTED

I POWER AT WORK WITHIN US

1. SAME POWER THAT RAISED X - 1:19-20
2. AND YOU WHO WERE DEAD HE HAS MADE ALIVE
- 2:1 - WE DIDN'T KNOW WE WERE DEAD, NOW DO WE KNOW WE ARE ALIVE? ARE WE ALIVE?
3. HOW DOES GOD'S POWER WORK? IN "MIRACLES" (SELDOM, OR THEY WOULDN'T BE CALLED M) AND WHEN THEY OCCUR WE OFTEN DON'T RECOGNIZE
4. MOVING MOUNTAINS - DID JESUS MEAN TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY? ANY REASON MTS SHLD BE MOVD?
5. BUT POWER IS AT WORK IN US

II MORE THAN WE CAN ASK

1. JAMES, "YOU HAVE NOT...ASK...AMISS..."
2. PRAYER NOT A PLAYTHING, TO SATISFY OUR SELFISH, FOOLISH DESIRES - THREE WISHES
3. WHAT DID PAUL ASK AT THIS TIME? HE WAS IN PRISON, STILL HAD THORN IN FLESH, SAID 3:14FF "PRAY FOR ME...SPEAK BOLDLY"
4. WHAT CAN WE ASK? FOR OURSELVES? CHURCH? THAT IS, WHAT CAN WE ASK REALISTICALLY? III MORE THAN WE CAN THINK

1. FARMER IN INDIA 5 ACRES, 7 ACRES
2. CAN WE EVEN THINK ABOUT RECONCILIATION IN CHURCH? ABOUT WORLD PEACE? END OF POVERTY
3. CAN WE EVEN THINK ABOUT GIVING UP OUR PRESTIGE, OUR ABUNDANCE? ABOUT SPENDING OUR LIVES HELPING PEOPLE, LIKE SISTER IN CALCUT?
4. CAN WE EVEN THINK ABOUT THIS CHURCH BEING SO FILLED WITH HS THAT PPL EAGER TO JOIN, EAGER FOR WORK AND WORSHIP, YP EAGER TO OFFER FOR CHURCH VOCATIONS?

IV GLORY TO GOD IN THE CHURCH

1. "X IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY" COL. 1:27
2. GOD DOESN'T MAKE A CHURCH EXCEPT OF PPL; IF HE IS TO BE GLORIFIED IT MUST BE IN CHURCH MADE OF PPL, BELIEVING, COMMITTED. PPL

"No man has ever SEEN God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us." -- I John 4:12

Int. - Arab - "I have seen his tracks"

I No Man Has Ever Seen God

1. This seems to contradict Scripture -- Abraham, Hagar, Jacob, Moses, Gideon, Isaiah John himself, in Revelation said to have seen
2. They saw phenomena otherwise inexplicable
3. They saw visions, acc. to what they could conceive or imagine of God
4. They saw God's messengers, human or superhuman. *Endowed as angels...invisibly*
5. Moses said to have seen his back - fig.

of speech, but .. It was when he could say, "forgive... or else blot me out", when he experienced most nearly

II The Unselfish Love of God

1. God loves us, not bec. we are good, or wise, or beautiful, or strong, or gifted - we may, or may not be any or all of these
2. He loves us because he is GOD, and that is what God is like *if you love those who love you, you have no love left*
3. He loves us, not bec. we have done anything for him, or may do so; but bec. we are people, and He is GOD *Love is not a special favor with some OT*

III We Can not See God, but if we Love One Another, God Abides in Us

1. We have many experiences that tell us that God, in person of HS., is in us -- formal worship, quiet meditation, etc.
2. But the nearest we ever get is when we experience unselfish love, as God loves us
3. And without that love, we cannot know God - "He that loveth not...God is love" no matter how much faith, knowledge, good works - apart from love, we don't know him
4. This love must grow in us

PROMISES OF THE SAINTS

"If we believe not, he addeth faith; if he cannot deny himself." -- I Tim. 2:13

Read I Pet. 1:3-7; Heb. 10:26-31; II Pet. 2:17-22; I John 2:19, 18-19; John 10:27-29

Int. - "If you want it, you can't get it, if you've got it you don't know it, and if you lose it you never had it."

I No Man is able to Pluck Them out of the Father's Hand. - We Bel. this bcs in Bible

1. Are we ON the train, or holding to it, or hand car? *Rom. 8:16 - Whom we say, 'Ours'...chapters 20*
2. If we are in God's hand, surely secure
3. If we believe that we save ourselves, it is easy to believe that we may fail; but if we believe that God saves us...

II But it IS Possible for Man, or at least Those Professing Faith, to Apostatize

1. John has a lot to say about people who SAY they are in the light, but are not.
2. Jesus' parable story ground - II Peter acc returning to its vomit
3. Heb. - "Impossible to renew..." definite committed to rejection *He had said he had God*
4. It IS possible to go out; but some who apparently do, have not really nor permanent come so; and as John says, if they really DO they were never in.

III God is Faithful to Himself

1. Ready, in WESTM. CONF. FOR WIDAY - "What is irreversible is the relationship established by the justifying act of God."
2. Men in his weakness may fail, in his willfulness may rebel; but God is God still, and if man is God's child he is never forsaken.
3. God is true to himself - if he were easy going, not demanding righteousness, he would not be God; if he were vindictive and unmerciful in face of man's sin he would not be God.
4. God's love is unending - "God is love" (I John 4:19) "I will punish him w/ rod of men, but not take away steadfast love from him."

JUDGES (6:1-10)

"In those days there was no king in Israel every man did what was right in his own eyes"

-- Judges 21:25

Int. - Book of the Month - Dark Ages of Israel - Col. of old stories, moralized I Anarchy -- but not total anarchy

1. No organized government, but still tribal leadership
2. No king, but certain heroes (and some of them not very heroic) by personal prestige had a certain amount of authority
3. Not judges in any proper sense
4. Dark ages - no reference to organized religion, except vaguest (17:13) or to law yet a recognition of some principles of law

II One Teacher -- Trouble

1. The Moralizer got it - each time, they forsake God, got in trouble, turned back to him, and he delivered them. But they never seemed to learn.

2. People who came from Egypt were ignorant, superstitious

3. Moses was highly educated, a real ldr, but hard to do much with such people - he must have set up some plan of education, but whoever wrote stories app. were totally unconscious of it. But after events prove III The Mills of the Gods

1. Trouble after trouble, app. no progress
2. But pressure was welding tribes into a nation - evidence in att. Benj. 21:3
3. God is working his purpose out - He was then, still is

ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

"HE MUST REIGN TILL HE HATH PUT ALL HIS ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET," -- I COR. 15:25

INT. - COMMUNION - "SHOW THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COME" WHEN? HOW LONG? TEXT I HE SHALL REIGN

1. SOME THINK HE IS TO REIGN AFTER HIS COMING, BUT HE DOES REIGN, EVEN NOW
2. REV. 11:15 KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD..... AND HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER
3. COL. 2:9-10 HIM HIM DWELLS THE WHOLE FULLNESS OF DEITY BODILY..... HEAD OF ALL RULE AND AUTHORITY" MATT. 28:18 "ALL AUTHORITY"
4. REV. PICTURES DESTRUCTION OF WICKED, TRIUMPH OF X OVER HIS ENEMIES

II ALL HIS ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET

1. WHO ARE HIS ENEMIES? PHIL. 3:18
2. SELFISHNESS, GREED, SENSUALISM, IMPENITENCE, INTemperance, REBELLION.....
3. HOW LONG? WHEN WILL HE COME? AS LONG AS EVIL REMAINS, AS IGNORANCE ABIDES, AS THE CHURCH NEEDS TO MINISTER PEACE, HEALING

4. THE LAST ENEMY..... DEATH

- III ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS
1. ONCE PEOPLE THOT THAT WAS REALLY THE WAY, KILL, SUDDUE, ENFORCE ACCEPTANCE OF X
2. PICTURE IN REV. TORMENT, DESTRUCTION -- IS THAT REALLY GOD'S WAY? LOVE YOUR ENEMIE
3. CROSS OF JESUS GOING ON BEFORE - NOT JUST A SYMBOL, BUT FACT OF HIS DEATH - REV. 5:6, "A LAMB, AS IT HAD BEEN SLAIN"
4. REAL TRIUMPH OF X IS TRIUMPH OF LOVE; AND THOSE WHO WOULD FOLLOW HIM, PARTAKE OF THIS COMMUNION, SYMBOL OF HIS DEATH - TAKE ANEW THE CROSS OF JESUS, AND FOLLOW HIM

WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO PRAY

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us..." -- Rom. 8:26

Int. - Things in Rom. 8 that H. S. does makes us sons of God, gives new life, leads us, gives us hope... Helps in our weakness I What Sort of Thing Ought We to Pray for?

1. Things consistent w/ reality - Hartford N.J., sex of unborn child - success without effort, health while disregarding laws of 1
2. Th. consistent w/ our own growth in Chr. not evil th., nor good th. for selfish ends James, "You ask, and have not..."

3. Th. consistent w/ nature of God - "acc. to his will" How can we know what God has willed? Shall we then cease asking? No, he says, "Ask, and ye shall receive, knock..."

II But We Do Not Know How to Pray (over)

1. We bow heads, try, nothing, or curse
2. What then? Book of prayers? Day by Day? Helpful, if we don't become slaves to it
3. Read SS, full of great prayers
4. Never a time to say, "This is enough"
5. Never a time to say, "It's no use, I can't ever learn to pray." Because...

III The Spirit Helps Us in Our Weakness

1. Dr. Young, in Mps Presbytery, expresses in special prayers what all felt, or nearly
2. So minister, in pulpit prayers, tries to express what congregation OUGHT to feel, OUGHT to ask for, OUGHT to want
3. Or in sick room, or other crisis, tries to express what person ought to feel, ask
4. Thus the Spirit continually helps us as a

Not doing it for us, we want to pray, we want to know

BABES IN CHRIST GROWING UP

"LET US LEAVE THE ELEMENTARY DOCTRINES OF X, AND GO ON TO MATURITY." -- HEB. 6:1

INT. - HEB., A REINTERPRETATION OF GOSPEL TO PEOPLE WHO HAD BELIEVED, UNDERSTOOD PART 1 THIS IS AN EXPERIENCE CONTINUALLY REPEATED

1. IN THE LIGHT OF SG AND EXP. OF CHURCH
2. THE REFORMATION WAS SUCH AN EXPERIENCE KJV ONCE NEW, STRANGE, DISTRUSTED WESTM. CONF. ALSO

3. ORIGIN OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, C. 1850
4. BEGINNING OF INT. SS LESSONS, C. 1880
5. GRADED LESSONS, C. 1910 (1916)
6. COV. LIFE CURRICULUM, 1964

11 BABES IN X

1. CONVERTED, BECOME AS CHILDREN -

2. PAUL, 1 COR. 14:20, "DON'T THINK LIKE A CHILD; IN MALICE BE CHILD, BUT IN THINKING, BE MATURE."

3. EPH. 4:14, "....NO LONGER CHILDREN...."

111 GROWING UP

1. "YOU OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS, AND WE HAVE TO START ALL OVER AT THE BEGINNING."

2. YOU OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS - HOW MANY OF US ARE TAKING ANY SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY IN TEACHING? HALF THE TIME, HALF THE TEACHERS ABSENT, NO SUBSTITUTE, NO LESSON PLANNING, WE TREAT EDUCATIONAL PRGM AS TRIVIAL THING

3. MR. ALBRITTON'S SERMON AT SYNOD - CALLING PEOPLE TO TAKE SERIOUS THOUGHT OF NEW THEOLOGICAL CONCEPTS - YP CONFERENCES, NEW CONCEPTS OF CHURCH

4. WHY BOTHER WITH NEW IDEAS, WHY NOT STICK TO CONF. FAITH, ETC? NO STATEMENT OF FAITH GOOD ENOUGH TO EXPRESS REL. OF GOD TO MAN

ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED....PROFITABLE....."

INT. - RALLY-DAY-NEXT SUNDAY 3:16

1 INSPIRED

1. GOD BREATHED - GOD SOMEHOW GOT THROUGH TO PROPHETS, OTHERS, MOVED THEM TO PREACH, SING, WRITE HISTORY, POETRY, PHILOSOPHY

2. WHEN JER. (E.G.) DICTATED SERMONS, POEMS, AND BARUCH WROTE, IT WAS BEC. GOD MOVED IN HIS HEART, GAVE HIM CONVICTION OF TRUTH, RESOLUTION TO COMMIT TO WRITING

3. WHEN PAUL WROTE LETTERS TO CHURCHES OR INDIVIDUALS, DESPATCHED BY MESSENGERS.....

4. WHEN EARLY CHURCH COUNCILS, UNDER GUIDANCE OF H. S., DECIDED THAT THESE, NOT THOSE SHOULD BE PART OF BIBLE, THAT TOO INSPIRATIONAL

5. BIBLE NOT A BOOK OF MAGIC, BUT REVELATION WHAT IS NEEDED IS READING, STUDY, NOT SUPERSTITIOUS REVERENCE. *SG didn't really teach*

11 USE OF THE SCRIPTURES

1. PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING THE FAITH EX. PAUL'S USE IN ROM. 11 *teaching the sixth title*

2. CORRECTING ERROR - AS IN 1 COR. 10:10 *imp.*

3. RESETTLING DIRECTION OF LIFE - OF. PS. 119 - "WHEREWITHAL SHALL YOUNG MAN....."

4. TRAINING IN GOOD LIVING

111 READING AND STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

1. EVEN A CLOSED BIBLE CAN GIVE TESTIMONY

- MAN WHO CARRIED IN CAR, NOT TO READ

2. BUT HOW MUCH BETTER IF READ! CONCERN OVER SUP. CT. DECISION - HOW EASY TO COMPENSATE BY READING IT IN HOMES!

3. A PLEA FOR SERIOUS BIBLE STUDY BY ADULT AND YOUTH

1. Bible in court for oath - if in Nat'l life we recognize that justice can

WHY HAS THIS COME TO PASS?

"THERE WAS NO KING IN ISRAEL; EVERY MAN DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES." - JUDG. 21:25

INT. - JUDGES, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. STORIES FROM DARK AGES OF ISRAEL
1. NO KING, NO LAW, NO GOD
2. BREAKDOWN OF LEADERSHIP - JOSHUA'S COVENANT, MOSES' LAW, FORGOTTEN
3. ALL SORTS OF TERRIBLE THINGS RECORDED - WHAT MUST HAVE HAPPENED UNRECORDED!
4. PEOPLE SO MUCH PREOCCUPIED WITH MAKING A LIVING, THEY FORGOT WHAT LIVING WAS FOR
5. PIONEERS IN AMERICA - SO BUSY FIGHTING INDIANS, SUBDUING WILDERNESS, OFTEN FORGOT CHURCH, EDUCATION, REFINEMENTS OF CIVILIZATION
6. PEOPLE TODAY, IN MAD RUSH TO HAVE THE GADGETS, AND KEEP UP WITH THE JONESES:

1 WORK SO HARD SIX DAYS.....

1 WORK FIVE DAYS, HAVE TO GO CAMPING, ETC.

1 WORK SEVEN DAYS, NO TIME FOR GOD, ETC.

7. *I have to say my, in Israel then -- and now US*

11 WHY HAS THIS COME TO PASS?

1. ATROCITY OF APPALLING FEROCITY COMMITTED BY A BENJAMINITE - OTHER TRIBES (NOM. SQUAMISH REVOLTED - BUT THRO STUBBORNNESS, BATES UPPL.)
2. DESTRUCTION OF A TRIBE - HOW HAS THIS COME TO PASS?
3. WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BOGALUSAT KKK, DOWN WITH OUR ENEMIES! ALL NIGGERS OUR ENEMIES! -- DEACONS, WE KNOW HOW TO SHOOT, BURN, TORTURE
4. COMPASSION FOR BENJAMIN -- WHEN WILL PEOPLE WAKE UP?
5. AND WHAT ABOUT VIETNAM? SAME ON NAT'L SCALE

111 GOD RAISED UP JUDGES

1. AND WHAT JUDGES! - EMUD THE ASSASSIN, JEPHTHAH THE BANDIT, SAMSON THE PLAYBOY
2. BUT THIS WAS ALL THEY HAD IN THE DARK AGES
- AND GOD USED EVEN THESE TO REMIND THE PPL, TIME AFTER TIME, THAT THEY COULD NOT LIVE ALONE
3. AND THE SEEDS OF REVIVAL WERE THERE - YEAR AFTER YEAR AT SHILOH - SAMUEL COULD HARDLY HAVE COME OUT OF THAT CHAOS - GOD STILL WORKS. STILL

...MY COVENANT, WHICH IS BETWEEN ME AND YOU, AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF ALL FLESH...

INT. -- THE FLOOD -- GOD SENT DESTRUCTION BUT IN JUDGMENT, NOT VINDICTIVE ANGER. HIS CREATURES AND THEIR NEEDS NOT FORGOTTEN EVERY LIVING THING

1. GOD'S CREATION, HIS PROVIDENCE, HIS CARE, INCLUDE ALL THINGS.
2. GOD'S GIFT OF LIFE, IN VARIED FORMS - PLANTS, ANIMALS, MEN, INFINITE VARIETY.
3. MARVELOUS ADAPTATION - EVOLUTION? OK, BUT ONLY DIVINELY GUIDED AND CONTROLLED BY GOD.
4. WISDOM OF CREATOR REVEALED IN GEOMORPHOLOGY, CLIMATE, ETC.

1. CREATION FOR MAN'S USE - AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. WE DON'T HAVE TO BE LIKE FRANCIS OF ASSISI
2. HUNTING SEASON - MAN HAS RIGHT TO KILL FOR FOOD - WORN ON HOOK, ETC.
3. PLANTS AND ANIMALS FOR MAN'S USE - FOR FOOD, FUEL, SERVICE - TIMBER FOR HOUSES AND FUEL, HORSES TO RIDE, COWS TO GIVE MILK, TURKEYS FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER
4. MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO USE CREATURES WITH CONSIDERATION - OT BIRD AND EGGS NEEDLESS SLAUGHTER, DESTRUCTION

III COVENANT SET. ME, AND YOU, AND EVERY LIVING THING

1. THESE ARE THE TERMS ON WHICH WE ARE GIVEN THE EARTH.
2. THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND THE FULL CONSERVATION OF SOIL, PLANTS, ANIMALS, MAN.
3. CONSERVATION OF SOIL, PLANTS, ANIMALS, MAN.
- IV THANKSGIVING
1. RECOGNITION OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND HIS CARE
2. RECOGNITION OF GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND HIS CARE

JESUS, ...HAVING LOVED HIS OWN...LOVED THEM TO THE END."

INT. -- JOHN, BOOK OF THE MONTH - HEART OF SS THE FOURTH GOSPEL

1. LAST OF GOSPELS, WRITTEN C. 100 A.D. - RPL THOUGHT STILL LATER, BUT ALL WE DISCOVER ABOUT LANGUAGE, CUSTOMS, REINFORCES APOSTOLICITY
2. SYNOPTICS ALMOST CERTAINLY KNOWN TO AUTHOR
3. JOHN GIVES BETTER PERSPECTIVE OF TIME OF JESUS' MINISTRY, EMPHASIZES MIN. IN JUBEA, ALMOST UNMENTIONED BY SYNOPTICS

4. EMPHASIS ON TEACHING OF JESUS - *about himself*
5. JOHN WRITTEN LATE, AFTER H. G. HAD TIME TO BRING TO REMEMBRANCE, AND INTERPRET LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS, AND SIGNIF. OF INCARNATION
- II JESUS LOVED HIS OWN

1. WHO WERE "HIS OWN"? THE TWELVE - INC. JUDAS WHAT ABOUT HIS MOTHER? BROTHERS? M. MAGD ET AL

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2. CF. 17:16 - "THINE THEY WERE...GIVEN...TO ME" WHAT DIFFERENCE SET. BELONGING TO THE FATHER, AND THE SON? ALL PEOPLE BELONG TO THE FATHER BY CREATION, ALSO BY PURPOSE OF REDEMPTION - CF

1. PET. 3:9, "NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH" 1. TIM. 2:4, "WHO WOULD HAVE ALL...SAVED" - 6:37, "ALL THAT THE F. GIVES...WILL COME TO ME" OUR COMMITMENT TO X MAKES US HIS OWN

3. WE PRAY FOR OUR OWN, NOT BEC. WE THINK ONLY THEY ARE IMPORTANT, BUT BEC. WE ARE LIMITED, CAN PERCEIVE THEM - IN EARTHLY LIFE, JESUS WAS LIMITED, AS WE ARE

- III LOVED THEM TO THE END - I.E., UTTERLY
1. WASHING THE FEET - THEIR OWN PRIDE KEPT THEM FROM PERCEIVING LOVE - SACRAMENT?
2. "WHAT I DO...AFTERWARD YOU WILL UNDERSTAND" SO A PARENT, PUNISHING A CHILD, MIGHT SAY
3. HE WHO WAS BATHED STILL NEEDS TO WASH HIS FEET - PEOPLE REDEEMED, FORGIVEN, STILL NEED TO BE CLEANSED, FORGIVEN AGAIN, STILL HAVE SO MUCH STILL TO UNDERSTAND HEREAFTER

When he understands it is put

WHAT DOES THE LORD YOUR GOD REQUIRE OF YOU, BUT TO FEAR...TO TO WALK...TO LOVE...TO SERVE...TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS...?

INT. S. CATECHISM - SS PRINCIPALLY TEACH WH MAN IS TO BELIEVE...WHAT DUTY GOD REQUIRES

1. DEUTERONOMY, BOOK OF THE MONTH
1. LITERARY FORM - DISCOURSES OF MOSES - BUT MUCH EVIDENCE THAT IT WAS LATER
2. ALMOST CERTAINLY THE "BOOK OF THE LAW" DISCOVERED IN JOSIAH'S TIME, 622 B.C.

3. PRG. WRITTEN 8TH CENTURE - LIKE HOSEA, W/ EMPHASIS ON GOD'S LOVE; LIKE ISAIAH, W/ EMP. ON FAITH, LIKE AMOS, W/ EMP. ON FEAR OF GOD, LIKE MICAH, W/ EMP. ON HUMILITY; LIKE ALL OF THEM, W/ EMP. ON OBEDIENCE

4. THIS IS WHAT MOSES WOULD HAVE SAID

1. WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE? IN VIEW OF HIS HUMBLE RECOGNITION (ELECTING LOVE? OF GOD'S LOVE. "GOD CHOSE YOU, NOT BECAUSE YOU WERE GREATER...BUT BECAUSE HE LOVED YOU

2. RESPONSE OF LOVE - WALKING IN HIS WAYS, I.E., SEEKING TO KNOW GOD, WORSHIPING HIM, BEING PART OF HIS COVENANT PEOPLE

3. OBEDIENCE TO HIS REVEALED WILL - ALL ALREADY REVEALED, ALL STILL TO BE REVEALED - SPIRIT "GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH"

III WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IN LIGHT OF XIAN GOSPEL?

1. NEW COMPREHENSION OF GOD'S LOVE AND HIS ELECTING GRACE. II COR. 5:14
2. SINCE GOD SENDS HIS SPIRIT INTO US, THEN RECEIVE GLADLY, AND BE LED BY THE SPIRIT
3. FAITH - THAT IS EXPRESSED IN OBEDIENCE

"And they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest." -- Ruth 1:22d
 Int. - Ruth, book of the month - writer centuries after, ref. to old customs - not w/ historical bks in Heb., but near end
 I. PAINTE

1. Scarcely credible to us, but real possibility in eastern lands - e.g. China
2. Home place sold, family went to Moab - why Moab? Always a friendly neighbor to Israel
3. Ten years, death, 1, 2, 3 - Bitter
4. Times of famine in our lives - *signs of judgment*

II Opportunity

1. Ruth not so named in vain - barley harvest if earlier, later, phps no luck
2. Opportunity, meager at first, grew
3. Often God opens doors of Op. like storm in the desert, where there's seemed nothing

III Destiny

1. Ruth came to a full, happy life - home making now worthy career for women, then the ONLY career
2. She became great grandmother of David, ancestress of X
3. First fruits of Gentiles (not absolutely first)

4. Pably written in Ezra's time - strict racism. E. right, in part - God wanted a special people - but wanted all people, to

IV EXCELLENCE

1. Ruth, birthplace of Jesus 100 yrs. in
2. Xmas scene, winter - not always winter at Bethl. Parley harvest, May
3. Incorporation a fact, not only at Xmas, but all thro yr. Not only when X was baby but in *loved husband, partner for ever.*

THE BLESSING OF GOD

"Thus shall you bless the people of Israel: THE LORD bless you and keep you..."

So shall they put MY NAME upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." - Numbers 1:27

Int. - Numbers, Book of Month - Census, prelim. wars of conquest, assorted laws

I What Do We Mean by Blessing?

1. Two words in OT *7777* kneel *7777* go straight
- Two in NT *6666* speak well *6666* happy

Hence, 1. Happiness, prosperity, success, granted as divine favor

2. A Prayer, an expressed wish for this
3. Bless them that curse you...
3. Partaking of holiness of God - "God bl. sabbath day and hallowed it."

II The Blessing of Aaron

1. Part of his priestly duty
2. Three-fold nature of freshadows Trinity

- a. Bless and keep - protection of Father of. Ps. 121 - The Lord is thy keeper
- b. Enlightening truth and grace - of Son of. "Grace and truth came with Jesus X"
- c. Peace of Spirit - cf. Ezek. "I will put my Spirit in them, and they shall live"

III Put MY NAME upon the people. I will bless you name? All gods have names, distinguishing one from another. I AM (I) a name, and not a name - too common to use too holy...

2. The Lord - Jesus said The Father - Apost. The Father, the Son, the Spirit - We say The Lord, the Christ, the people. I will bless
3. Put my name on the people. Partaking of God
4. The first element of blessing is com-

"THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU..."

- NUMBERS 6:22-27

1. BLESSING, THE FUNCTION OF THE PRIEST
1. EMPHASIS ON THE LORD
2. PUT (I) MY NAME UPON THEM
3. I WILL BLESS THEM
- II THE BLESSING

- A. PRESERVATION - "BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU"
1. KEEP, AS COVENANT PEOPLE
2. ISRAEL'S SAFETY ASSOCIATED WITH OBEDIENCE TO LAW AND FORMS OF WORSHIP
3. PROVIDENTIAL CARE OVER NATION AND EACH INDIVIDUAL - cf. Ps. 121

- B. ILLUMINATION - MAKE HIS FACE SHINE
1. GIVING LAW - EVEN MOSES' FACE SHONE
2. PSALM AND PROPHECY
3. BE GRACIOUS (I) - ANN, JOHN)

THE LAW WAS GRACE, PREACHING OF AMOS TO

4. SHINE TOO BRIGHT? "THY FACE...SEEK C. PEACE
1. LIFT UP HIS FACE, I.E., LOOK
2. PEACE IS NOT MERELY ABSENCE OF STRIFE, BUT KNOWING OURSELVES TO BE IN GOD'S WAY, DOING HIS WILL
3. IN FACT, GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE SEEN BEEN FREE FROM STRIFE, BUT HAVE FOUND PEACE IN HIM. "ALL WHO WOULD LIVE GODLY SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION"
4. THEY CAST THEIR NETS IN GALILEE

III FRESHADOWING OF N. T. BENEDICTION

1. FATHER, WHO PRESERVES; SON, WHO IS LIGHT OF WORLD, SPIRIT, COMFORTER - JESUS - "MY PEACE...NOT AS WORLD GIVETH

FOR WE PREACH NOT OURSELVES, BUT X JESUS THE LORD, AND OURSELVES YOUR SERVANTS FOR CHRIST'S SAKE." *Phil about 11 COR. 4:5*

INT. - SEMINARY DAY - *Call to the Ministry*

I THE MINISTRY IS NOT AN EASY JOB

1. SOME PEOPLE SAY, "NONE HOUR A WEEK"
2. I DON'T SAY THIS TO HAVE PEOPLE PITY ME FOR HAVING IT TOUGH
3. THE SONS OF MARTHA - WHAT DO SEAMEN THINK ABOUT MISSIONARIES? REAL EASY!
4. "ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIT IN THE HOUSE AND PLAY THE PIANO ALL DAY".

5. ONE REASON IT IS HARD IS THAT PEOPLE RESENT APPARENT EASY LIFE *X were*
6. ANOTHER, THAT THEY MISUNDERSTAND, DON'T WANT TO BE SERVED

II YOUR SERVANTS - *Not to do what you want to do*
Not to do what you want to do

1. "TAKE THE BUFFET AND CUSHION THE SHOCK FORCES, MAYBE LOSE JOB, EVEN LIFE?"

3. TO WARN PEOPLE OF DANGER, OFTEN DISREGARDED? TRYING TO STOP CARS ON BR. BRIDGE

4. TO COUNSEL PEOPLE IN DOUBT, TROUBLE, SICKNESS, SORROW AND APPROACHING DEATH?

5. TO BE THE MOUTHPIECE OF GOD? - NOTHING SO FUTILE AS A SERMON THAT MEANS NOTHING TO THE PREACHER

III FOR CHRIST'S SAKE *Not to please people*

1. NOT FOR REWARD - A MAN IS SUPPOSED TO GET A LIVING, BUT NO MONEY IN IT

2. NOT FOR FRIENDSHIP OR PITY, THO THESE OFTEN PRESENT

3. BEC. X LOVED US, GAVE HSELF FOR US, LOVED ALL, WE MUST BE SERVANTS OF ALL, (OF)

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

Read Rom. 3:26-31, REV, then Sunday Text: "...justified by his grace as a gift thro the redemption in X Jesus... to be received by faith."

INT. - Man saved by a man, boat, rope
I Salvation is of God -- by Grace

1. Acceptance, repentance, obedience, confession, etc. all have part, but basically it is GOD who saves.

2. Man is totally unable to save himself - dead in trespasses and sins

3. Grace - undeserved, unearned, favor of God

4. God's eternal purpose of salvation - bro to pass thro X - incarnation, life, teaching death, resurrection

II Justification

1. Justification, sanctification, adoption, forgiveness, regeneration, new birth, redemption, all different aspects of salvation

2. Not successive acts, but different aspects God does not first justify, then adopt, then regenerate, etc.

3. Justification is legal aspect - man stands condemned by the Law of God - declared innocent

4. God's righteousness is applied to him through faith - *Great doctrine of Reformation*

III Faith - "Saving Grace, whereby..." (Ps. 1. Apos. got this from OT - Habakkuk, Gen., 2. Not a reward of faith - faith is means whereby we receive salvation

3. Faith is acting on belief - not credulity! not works, not act of confessing and being baptized, but confiding that God has really done this for us, and accepting X as Savior and Lord

4. AMU following it up - Abr. Bel God... Rms AMU acc. of circumcision, AND obeyed God, AMU... Man says, "I accept", but don't want to be baptized, confess X, join church, etc. - that

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

"...THE LORD HAS SOUGHT OUT A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART; AND THE LORD HAS APPOINTED HIM TO BE PRINCE OVER HIS PEOPLE." - 1 SAM. 13:

INT. - 11 SAMUEL, BOOK OF THE MONTH - THE STORY OF DAVID - WHO WROTE IT? 20:24,

JEMOSHAPHAT, RECORDER, SHEVA, SECRETARY, ZADOK AND ABIATHAR, PRIESTS - LATER REVISED 1 SHEPHERD TO KING

1. BEATS HORATIO ALGER TO DEATH - OBSCURE FAMILY, YOUNGEST SON - GREATEST OF KINGS

2. HAIR RAISING ADVENTURES, COURAGE, RESOLUTION, NOT AMBITION, APPARENTLY, BUT ACCEPTANCE OF MANIFEST DESTINY

3. LUCKY BREAKST MAYBE SO, BUT THESE WERE PART OF GOD'S GIFT.

II A MAN OF MANY AND REMARKABLE GIFTS

1. KEEN INTELLECT, PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND AGILITY, SINGING VOICE, GENIUS FOR POETRY AND MUSIC, FOR MILITARY STRATEGY AND ADMINISTRATION -- IN COMPARISON, MILTON BECAME BLIND, BEETHOVEN DEAF, MOZART NEAR SIGHTED, NAPOLEON SHORT, ALEXANDER ALCOHOLIC.....

2. MILITARY SUCCESSSES, TAKING AND ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL, POETRY AND MUSIC - AMOS 6:5

III A MAN OF GOD *Why give so much to me?*

1. ALL HIS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN LIGHT OF HIS REVERENCE FOR GOD

A. DANCED BEFORE THE ARK
B. GOLIATH "DEFIED ARMIES OF GOD"
C. POURED WATER ON GROUND

2. HE SOMETIMES FELL SHORT OF IDEALS, BUT NEVER CEASED TO HAVE THESE IDEALS - BATH-SHEBA

3. HUMILITY IN PRAYER - Ps. 51, PRAYER FOR SICK CHILD, ACCEPTANCE OF ROYAL ESTABLISHMENT

IV THE LORD WAS SOUGHT OUT.....APPOINTED

1. HOUSE ESTABLISHED FOR EVER
2. OFTEN IN DANGER, NEVER FORSAKEN
3. HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID

The Work of the Minister

"For I resolved not to know anything among you, but Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

-- I Cor. 2:2

Int. - Beginning a new pastorate

I Nothing... but Jesus Christ... Crucified

1. Not too literally - Paul did know many things - e.g., how to make tents cloth

2. He knew many aspects of life, as agriculture, building, .. analogies of Xian life

3. He knew OT SS - impossible to know X apart from this background

II Christ Jesus as Lord

1. X and him crucified - center of whole Biblical message

2. Crucified - to Jews stumbling block, to Greeks foolishness... Power and wisdom of G

3. Not only crucified - living Lord - ppl imagine they can accept Savior, not Lord

4. "Preacher, stop meddling w/ social and ethical questions, preach the gospel!"

i.e., preach about deep theology, put to sleep, or sweetness of green pastures

5. Paul preached Jesus as Lord - related bet husbands and wives, parents and children, masters and slaves, people and govt, business and law, all involved in it

6. cf Amos, "Don't preach as... sin, you might offend king"

7. I ought to preach about wine (that's the sort of preaching they want)

III Minister's Work to be a Man of God

1. Know God and make him known - through leading worship, teaching and preaching, governing

2. Not perfect, qualify by training & experience

3. No dbl standard - wh prechr ought to be EVERY Xian ought to be

TRUST GOD AND PRAY

"HE DELIVERED US... HE WILL DELIVER... AGAIN... YOU... PRAY."

INT. - THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT

I PAUL LEARNED TO TRUST GOD AND PRAY

1. II COR. COVERS PERIOD WH. LUKE NOT WITH HIM, RECORD MEAGER. WHAT WAS "AFFLICTION... IN ASIA?"

A. RIOT AT EPHESUS? B. BAD NEWS FR. COURT

C. SICKNESS? D. "CARE OF ALL THE CHURCHES"

2. WHATEVER IT WAS, PAUL LEARNED ANSWER, HE DELIVERED, ... HE WILL DELIVER... AGAIN."

3. AND PRAY - WE PRAY, YOU PRAY, MANY PRAY

II WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR US?

1. IN NATIONAL LIFE - IN WM II WE FELT TH ONLY BY GOD'S MERCY WE WERE SPARED - THAT GOD HAD DELIVERED US. SO WHAT DO WE DO?

PRINT "IN GOD WE TRUST" ON MONEY, STOCKPILE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, MAKE UNHOLY ALLIANCES.

(IN JEREMIAH'S DAY, HE WARNED AG. SUCH AN ATTITUDE, KING SAID, "NO, IT'S NOT RIGHT, BUT OUR SECURITY DEPENDS ON IT.")

2. IN CHURCH LIFE - DARE WE PARTICIPATE IN SYRACO'S CAMPAIGN? WE MAY HAVE TO BUY NEW ORGAN, PEOPLE MAY MOVE AWAY, DIE, OR QUIT

3. IN INDIVIDUAL LIFE - ASKEW FAMILY TITHING

III SECURITY

1. MANY PEOPLE SEEKING - EVEN YOUNG PEOPLE

2. JESUS, "LAY NOT UP..." DID HE MEAN BE LIKE ST. FRANCIS, OR DID HE MEAN, THOSE TH ARE NOT YOUR SECURITY!

3. WHAT IS SECURITY OF XIAN? "SEND YOU AS SHEEP IN MIDST OF WOLVES" WAS STEPHEN

secu re? James? John? Paul? Wm?

Learn over, to "Trust God, a living"

"The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable."

-- Romans 11:29

Int. PYPERS asked questions about Paul's explanation of observed facts

I We Cannot Understand Divine Election

1. God selected a man, a people, to be his people, objects of his love - why?

2. Now it appeared that God had rejected this people, to accept "Gentiles" - figure of grafted tree

3. We can't say why God called US as he did - why we were born in circumstances that led us to know him, while others just opposed

We certainly have nothing to boast about - WE didn't do it.

II Gifts and Calling Irrevocable

1. God is not like us, doing sth without knowing how it will turn out.

2. We may reject God's call, to our own destruction, but his loving purpose unchanged

3. Many people, whole nations may turn from him, but he has an over-all purpose of salvation for all mankind

And in that Purpose WE Have Part

1. If Abraham had disobeyed, but he obeyed

2. If... if... if... but God's purpose does not fail. Our very freedom to choose is part of that purpose

3. God's manifest purpose is for salvation of all mankind. We don't understand why he permits it to be thwarted in part. We CAN understand that our part is to co all in our power to bring it to pass.

TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE

"(JOSIAH)...TURNED TO THE LORD WITH ALL HIS HEART... STILL THE LORD DID NOT TURN FROM THE FIERCENESS OF HIS WRATH..." -- II KINGS 23:25

INT. - II KINGS, BOOK OF THE MONTH - WRITTEN IN TIME OF DEFEAT, ALL APPARENTLY LOST
I JOSIAH'S REVIVAL

1. YOUNG KING, 20, FULL OF ENTHUSIASM
2. REPAIRING TEMPLE, DISCOVERY OF BOOKS
3. TREMENDOUS HOUSE CLEANING - DEFILEMENT OF BETH-EL, AND VALLEY OF HINNOM

4. RENEWAL OF COVENANT, REINSTATEMENT OF PASSOVER
5. IT SEEMED TO BE A GREAT REVIVAL; THEN WHY...
II WHY WAS IT TOO LITTLE?

1. JER. 3:6-10 "JUDAH DID NOT RETURN TO ME WITH HER WHOLE HEART, BUT ONLY IN PRETENSE."
2. THEY PASSED LAWS, ENFORCED OUTWARDLY, BUT PEOPLE WENT ON AS BEFORE, WORSHIPING FALSE GODS, INTENT ON WEALTH, LUXURY, SENSUAL INDULGENCE
3. "BURNING SCARED" - TRYING TO FIND DESPERATE MEASURE TO STAVE OFF CALAMITY

ANYTHING, SHORT OF TRUE REPENTANCE
4. AS IN AMERICA TODAY - PASS LAWS, AND SO RIAT MILLIONS, HUNT DOWN COMMUNISTS AND DESTROY THEM
PUT WIN GOD WE TRUST ON PAPER MONEY AS WELL AS COINS, BUT NONE NATION UNDER GOD'S PLEDGE... BUT DON'T INTERFERE WITH OUR PURSUIT OF WEALTH, LUXURY, SENSUAL INDULGENCE
WHY WAS IT TOO LATE? III

1. JUDAH, CAUGHT AS IN A VISE - EGYPT, BABYLON
2. THE "WIFE" OF HISTORY - Rome, 4th Xmas
3. U. S. TODAY - NOT LITTLE NATION IN MIDDLE BUT ONE OF THE BIG ONES - EQUALLY POWERLESS TO CHANGE INEXORABLE MARCH OF HISTORY?

IV NEVER TOO LATE WITH GOD
1. THE SAVING REMNANT - THOSE WHO ARE TRULY COMMITTED TO GOD, OBEIENT, FAITHFUL, ARE STILL THE PEOPLE OF HIS DESTINY - NATION MAY BE DESTROYED BUT GOD'S PURPOSE WILL STILL BE ACCOMPLISHED
2. NEW COVENANT, LAW ON HEART - INDIVIDUAL, EVEN JUST ONE, TRULY REPENTANT, TRULY COMMITTED ALWAYS SAFE IN HIS CARE

"The Good Lord pardon every one who sets his heart to seek God... even though not acc. to the sanctuary's rules of observance"

--II Chron. 30:18-19
Int. - II Chron., Book of the Month
I Message of Chron. - Destruction because of Sin

1. Chr. tells history of Judah, meaning
2. Leaves out: All hist. of Israel, the relevant, all ref. to Elijah, Isaiah, even Jeremiah, who figured largely in K
3. He tells of growing dangers of secular luxury and idolatry, with consequent destruction
4. Tells of efforts of sincere men to stem the tide, which were...

II Too little and Too Late
1. Hezekiah's Revival, 720 B. C. - not mentioned in Kings, the much of H. there

2. Josiah's in 620, told in Kings also
3. Text fr. former - Chron., w/ emphasis on ceremonial observance, still recognize that repentance more imp. still

III What Does That Mean for Us Today?
1. Parallel bet. Judah and US - J. was not a grt. world power, we are; but same danger

Judah didn't have to be grt. power, or even be independent - all they really needed was to be faithful to God

2. Slackening of moral fiber, due to emphasis on wealth, luxury, sensuality - corruption in govt, dishonesty, disregard of oath - are we too doomed to destruction?
3. We have revivals - build churches, give generous offerings... what sort of revival do we need? And is it already too late?

4. True repentance, turning to God in heart

"THEY DESPISED THE PLEASANT LAND, HAVING NO FAITH IN HIS PROMISES."

-- PSALM 106:24
INT. - PSALM 106 ET AL. REVIEW OF HISTORY
I THEY DESPISED THE PLEASANT LAND

1. IT WAS A GOOD LAND, MUCH BETTER THEN
2. THEY WANTED IT, ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT BAD ENOUGH TO STRUGGLE AND SACRIFICE FOR IT
3. JUST AS MANY PEOPLE WANT HEAVEN, BUT ARE NOT WILLING TO GO ALL OUT FOR IT.
4. THEY HAD NO FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES --

WHAT HAD GOD PROMISED, ANYWAY? A LAND, TO ABRAHAM, SO THEIR FATHERS, LEADERS, SAID. HAD HE PROMISED IT, REALLY? THEY HADN'T HEARD ANY PROMISES UTTERED -- WAS IT ALL A DREAM?

5. CONDITION - FAITH, AND OBEDIENCE BASED ON FAITH - PROMISES, VISION, NOT CONTRACT
II HOW DO PEOPLE GET LAND?

1. MAKE IT - RECLAIM FROM SEA, DESERT, SWAMP
2. FIND IT -- DISCOVER LAND NOT OWNED, USE
3. BUY IT -- FROM WHOM? AND HOW DID HE GET
4. DID OUR FOREFATHERS STEAL THIS LAND FROM THE INDIANS? DID THE INDIANS OWN IT?
5. DOES ANYONE HAVE THE RIGHT TO HOLD LAND THAT HE DOES NOT USE? OR TO SQUEEZE AND OPPRESS THOSE WHO USE IT?

III THE HOLY LAND

1. THE CITIES ARE PART OF THE LAND, TOO
2. NOT ALL FARMERS, BUT ALL CONCERNED WITH THE LAND -- ALL OWN IT, IN A SENSE
3. TREAT IT WITH LOVE, RESPECT, GOD'S GIFT
4. WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO POLLUTE, USE FOR EVIL
5. HAVE FAITH IN HIS PROMISES - KINGDOM OF GOD, ALL HANKIND TO KNOW AND OBEY, PEACE

When blight

How shall we face pop. explosion, war, and... pollution?

Love, how often... forgive?... Seventy times seven." --Matt. 18:21-22

Int. - Continuation - Last Sun. Love your neighbor - today, forgive I Never Cry over spilt milk

1. Milk, money, opportunity lost -- gone, no use crying or worrying about it
 2. A sin committed, turn to God in repentance, accept his forgiveness, forget it. No use torturing ourselves with sins past
 3. So a wrong done to us, it's done, we can't undo it (least of all by retaliation no point in holding bitterness about it -- besides what that bitterness can do to us)
- II God's Forgiveness and Ours

1. God forgives us freely when we come to him in faith and repentance -- once for all and over and over
 2. Parable of the debtor - how ridiculous to accept such forgiveness from God, and refuse to extend it to those who wrong us!
 3. "As we forgive our debtors..." Does he mean that we have to EARN forgiveness by practicing it? Or that we may lose it by failing to practice it? Impossible if we are already fully and eternally forgiven
 4. Perhaps it is impossible truly to accept God's forgiveness without forgiving, perhaps we are mistaken in thinking we have accepted, or in thinking we can't forgive
- III Forgive and Forget
1. Can we forgive one who doesn't WANT forgiveness, who persists in enmity, evil? We can extend F., as God offers to all men, and many reject - so far as WE'RE concerned
 2. Not mere molesta, as if it didn't matter
 3. Can we forget? Maybe not entirely

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK....." -- ACTS 2:4

THEY WERE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT...PEALMS, HYMNS...SONGS -- EPH. 5:18-19

INT. PENTECOST AND THE PENTECOSTALS

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

1. DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY - TRANSCENDENT TRUTH STATED IN HUMAN LANGUAGE, ONLY SORT OF LANGUAGE WE HAVE - WE CAN'T EXPLAIN, BUT THIS IS THE WAY THE CHURCH DECIDED TO EXPRESS IT
2. PROCEEDING FROM FATHER AND SON - IN INCARN. GOD AND MAN ARE JOINED. IN GIVING THE SPIRIT, GOD, JOINED TO MAN, COMES INTO HUMAN HEARTS.
3. SORT OF NEW INCARNATION, THIS TIME GOD IN US.
4. THIS MAKES US GOD'S OWN CHILDREN, NOT JUST HIS CREATURES. "WHEN WE SAY, 'OUR FATHER', IT IS THE SPIRIT BEARING WITNESS.....CHDREN OF GOD"
5. GIVEN TO THE CHURCH, NOT JUST TO INDIVIDUALS
6. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF X

1. GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT
2. DIFF. EXPR. OF SAME THING
3. SPIRITUAL GIFTS - SPECIAL ABILITIES AND CALLS TO SPECIAL SERVICE, RESULTING FROM PRES. OF SPIRIT IN INDIV. AND CHURCH - GIFTS OF WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING OF SS, PREACHING, ADMINISTRATION, HEALING, SPEAKING WITH TONGUES, ETC.
4. Esp., CALLS TO THE MINISTRY OR OTHER SPCL. SERVICE

5. THESE COME, NOT ARBITRARILY, BUT THRO PRAYING, EFFORT, STUDY, PRACTICE
6. MAY BE SUDDEN AS LIGHTNING, OR GRADUAL UNFOLDING IN CONSCIENCE - "I WAS WALKING IN GROUP OF MINISTERS, AND ALL AT ONCE I KNEW..."
7. ARE WE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT?
8. WHO CAN SAY, 'JESUS IS LORD!' BUT BY SM.
9. THE PLEDGE OF OUR IMMORTALITY - EPH. 1:14
10. FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT - LOVE, JOY, PEACE....
11. PERS NEVER AGAIN LIKE PENTECOST, BUT PRAY,...

THE FULLNESS OF GOD

"OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE, AND I WILL FILL IT." --PS. 81:10

INT. - ON A FAST DAY? THE PSALMIST WAS NO PROMISING FOOD, HE WAS PROMISING.....

I THE FULLNESS OF GOD (EPH. 3:14-19)

1. PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH - WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF X, OURSELVES, PART 2. STRENGTHENED.....SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN
3. WE PRAY FOR "OUTPOURING OF SPIRIT - NOT STR. MECHANICAL, SPIRIT WITH DIVERSE GIFTS AND MANIFESTATIONS, THE VERY DIFFERENCES ARE MANIFESTATIONS OF SPIRIT
4. "X...IN YOUR HEARTS BY FAITH" I.E., IN PERSON OF THE SPIRIT
5. "FOOTSTEP! X'S GROUNDING IN LOVE" - GOD IS L. WE CAN'T KNOW GOD, FATHER, SON OR SPIRIT, APART FROM LOVE
6. POWER TO COMPREHEND...HEIGHT OF WHAT? OF THE BODY OF X, OF WHICH WE ARE PART
7. "KNOW THE UNKNOWABLE LOVE OF GOD"
8. THIS GENERAL IS A GROWTH IN GRACE
9. BUT GROWTH MUST BE OF THE WHOLE BODY - IF THE THUMB OUTGROW THE HAND, WHAT A MESS!
10. SPIRIT OF ISCHISM IS OPPOSITE OF GROWTH OF WHOLE BODY - *Barndown letter, 6/10/68*
11. UNITY, MUTUAL TRUST, AND LOVE - ARE THERE HERE? IS THE CHURCH? LET GOD FIND, DEAL WITH THEM, OR CHURCH COURTS AS NEED MAY ARISE - LE US PRAY, SEEK FOR UNITY, MUTUAL TRUST, LOVE
12. INDIVIDUALLY MEMBERS OF IT
13. WHY IPOSED TO GET A SHOT
14. PRAY FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH VOCATIONS
15. ME? MY SON, DAUGHTER?
16. GENEROSITY - ME?
17. REPENTANCE - ME?
18. WAITING AFTER ELECTION FOR PROSPERITY
19. CAN. - GOD IS READY TO GIVE - OPEN...WIDE

THE GIFTS AND THE CALL OF GOD ARE
IRREVOCABLE."

— ROM. 11:29

INT. - READING REVIEW OF ETHICS BOOK
BY HELMUT THIELECKE, CHANGING SERMON

1. GIFTS AND CALL OF GOD TO ISRAEL
1. PAUL'S INTERPRETATION OF GOD'S DEALING
WITH ISRAEL - ESAU AND JACOB - IF JUST HAD
TO BE THAT WAY - IS GOD UNJUST? WHO ARE WE
TO PASS JUDGMENT ON GOD?

2. THEIR DISOBEDIENCE OUR SALVATION - OF
JUDAS - "IT MUST NEEDS BE.....OFFENSES"
3. WHAT ABOUT ISRAEL TODAY? MEETING AT
SPRINGHILL AVE. TEMPLE - "ISRAEL CALLED TO
BE ISRAEL". *For us, make the heart of man*
II GRACE AS GIFT AND TASK

1. GOD'S FORGIVENESS TO THE UTTERLY UNDESER-
VING - LO AMMI - PEOPLE HAD SINNED, REBELLED
TO POINT THAT THEY COULDN'T BE GOD'S PEOPLE
ANY MORE - BUT THEY STILL WERE!

2. NOT OF WORKS - NOT IN VIEW OF ANYTHING
MAN HAS DONE OR MAY DO - A GIFT, OUTRIGHT,
FREE, SPONTANEOUS
3. BUT ALSO A TASK - A CALL TO BE A REDEEMED
PEOPLE (PERSON) OBEIENT TO GOD'S LAW, NOT
BY COMPULSION, BUT WILLINGLY

III RESECH YOU THEREFORE....."

III IRREVOCABLE
1. THE IDEA THAT MAN CAN BUY HIS WAY IN IS
RIDICULOUS

2. EQUALLY R. IS IDEA THAT MAN CAN "GETH"
SALVATION, THEN DO WHAT HE PLEASER
3. IRREVOCABLE - GOD DOESN'T DO SOMETHING
SUBJECT TO MAN'S UNDOING - YET, NOT COM-
PULSION - ".....WILLING,.....FREE" *freedom*
4. IF WE SAY, "PARTY.....ROUGH.....HOMER" EITHER
WE FIND DOOR LOCKED, OR WAKE UP TO FIND WE
WERE NOT IN THE PARTY

II DO NOT PRAY THAT THOU SHOULDEST TAKE THEM
OUT OF THE WORLD, BUT THAT THOU SHOULDEST
KEEP THEM FROM (THE) EVIL (ONE)."

Letter of Jesus - JOHN 17:15
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IN THE WORLD.
I CHRIST AND THE FAITHS OF MEN
1. HISTORIC FAITHS - BUDDHISM, ISLAM, JUDA-
ISM, CONFUCIANISM, ETC. - MUCH OF GOOD IN
EACH ONE.

2. DR. STREET'S ADDRESS ON SYNCRETISM - NOT
NONE JUST AS GOOD AS ANOTHER; BUT WE CAN
RECOGNIZE THE GOOD IN ANY OR ALL OF THEM

3. OUR WITNESS IS NOT TO CONDEMN OR DESTROY
OTHER FAITHS, BUT TO PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST
4. OTHER FAITHS - MATERIALISM, SCIENTISM,
COMMUNISM, AMERICANISM

5. STILL OTHERS: MILITARISM, PACIFISM,
RACISM
6. "STRUGGLING WITH THOSE OTHER FAITHS"
II WE DO, INEVITABLY, LIVE IN THE WORLD

1. WE MAY SAY, "CITY IS A ROTTEN HOLE, (NY
A WICKED CITY) LET GOD DESTROY IT - ALL BUT
ME"

2. BUT WHERE CAN WE GO, OUT OF THE WORLD?
SIMEON'S PILLAR? SEPARATED GROUP LIKE AMISH?
3. SO WAS CORINTH A WICKED CITY, BUT GOD'S
VISION TO PAUL WAS, "I HAVE MUCH PEOPLE....."

III HAS THOU HAST SENT ME.....SENT THEM!
1. JESUS DIDN'T WRAP UP HIS HOLINESS TO PRO-
TECT IT; HE WENT INTO THE WORLD - TO BAD
PEOPLE, GOOD PEOPLE, FRIENDS, ENEMIES, PEOPLE

2. GOD SENDS US, AS HE SENT JESUS - TO BE
LIKE HIM, NOT IN PROTECTED HOLINESS, BUT IN
LOVE TO PEOPLE

3. NOT JUST TO "SAVE SOULS" IN DISREGARD OF
SOCIAL, PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC NEEDS, BUT TO BEAL
WITNESS THAT GOD CARES ABOUT THEM - BY CARING
ABOUT THEM OURSELVES

4. KEEP THEM FROM EVIL - HOW? "HE THAT SAVE"
HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT" - GIVE OURSELVES, AS
JESUS DID, TRUST GOD TO PROTECT

OTHER RELIGIONS AND
GREAT COMMISSION

"What therefore you worship as unknown,
that I declare unto you." -- Acts 17:23
Int. "Eathen idol made of mud..."
I Paul was shocked (V 16) at city full of
idols

1. BUT he didn't treat them with contempt
- he found among them a glimmering of man's
groping after God.

2. We've a story to tell... and if some
people have already heard, or dreamed, a
little of it, so much the better

3. Much of good ethics, personal purity,
earnest devotion in other religions e.g.
Jews' endurance of persecutions

Moslems' missionary zeal

Buddhists' self denial

Confucians' family life and obedient
II That Does Not Mean that One Religion Is
as Good as Another

1. Attitude of non-Xians to Gospel diffrent
Hindus - One more god? Sure, why not?
Moslems - fenatical opposition

2. Paul, "We preach X orucified - unto Jew
(and Moslems) an offense, and unto Grks
(and materialists) foolishness, but to
those who are called, X, the power of
God and the wisdom of God."

III Our Job is not to Destroy, but to Make
X Known

1. Not for US to say who is saved
2. Thank God for all Godlikeness that come
from anywhere at all

3. Proclaim that God, in love for the world
has revealed himself in X, who died and was
raised for us and all who will receive Him